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Proceedings 1948

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The Forty-Third Annual Communication of Grand Lodge will be held in the City of Regina, on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

Proceedings of the

**M. W. Grand Lodge of
Saskatchewan**

Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons

AT THE

**FORTY-SECOND
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**

HELD AT
Saskatoon on the 16th Day of June, 1948



ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES AND PRESERVED

FRED C. WILSON

On October 3rd, 1892, at Hastings, Northumberland, Co., Ontario, there was born to John King Wilson and Annis Wilson, both natives of that town, a son who, in the fulfillment of his Masonic career, is our newly installed Grand Master. In 1901, with his parents, he moved west to Balgonie, Saskatchewan and seven years later to Regina where he has since been domiciled. Here he completed his secondary education and legal training and has practiced his profession being associated since 1925 with E. M. Miller, K.C.

In both Great Wars he has faithfully fulfilled his duty to his country. Enlisting for active service in 1916 he served in England and in France and was discharged in 1919. From 1940 to 1947 he acted as Divisional Registrar for Saskatchewan for the Mobilization Section, Department of Labour, Ottawa. On June 9th, 1934, he married Lois Margaret Turnbull of Fillmore and is the proud father of a son, John William, aged four. A lifelong Presbyterian he serves on the Board of Managers of the First Presbyterian Church, Regina. As an athlete his record is outstanding. Active in almost every branch of sport he was a member of Regina's 1914 Allan Cup Championship team in hockey and of the Rough Rider Rugby Club in its "palmy days".

In Freemasonry he has found scope for his splendid ability as a ritualist and has served his Lodge and Grand Lodge faithfully and consistently. Initiated, passed and raised in Fillmore Lodge No. 163, in 1921, he was installed W.M. in 1926 and served District No. 8 as D.D.G.M. for 1931-32. Appointed Grand Steward 1929, and elected to the Board of General Purposes 1932, he served on various committees including seven years as Chairman of Finance. Thus by actual experience he acquired a knowledge of Grand Lodge Administration which fitted him for its highest office. In recognition thereof he was duly elected in 1945 to the office of Grand Junior Warden and has progressed through the several chairs to his present exalted rank of M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. In Royal Arch and Scottish Rite Masonry he has attained the highest degrees of the Orders, acquiring knowledge and experience which will be reflected in the performance of his duties as head of the Craft.

He is well equipped with experience and personality to successfully administer the affairs of Grand Lodge and we look forward to a year of prosperity, harmony and progress under his leadership.



M. W. BRO. FRED C. WILSON
GRAND MASTER, 1948.49

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A. F. & A. M.

PROCEEDINGS: ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Representatives of the Lodges assembled in the Bessborough Hotel, in the City of Saskatoon, at 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, June 16th, 1948.

9:05 a.m. Deputy Grand Master, Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, and Distinguished Visitors entered Grand Lodge.

9:15 a.m. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master entered Grand Lodge.

WELCOME

His Worship Mayor Angus W. MacPherson, of the City of Saskatoon, and W. Bro. C. M. Peel, W.M. of Victory Lodge No. 144, representing the four Saskatoon City Lodges and Twin City Lodge, Sutherland, were introduced. Mayor Macpherson extended a civic welcome and W. Bro. Peel a Masonic welcome. R.W. Bro. W. H. Moor, Grand Senior Warden, briefly acknowledged the former and R.W. Bro. F. Hedley Auld, Grand Junior Warden, the latter.

The Grand Master extended a welcome as follows:

Most Worshipful the Grand East and distinguished visitors to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and Brother Members of the Grand Lodge,—I bid you welcome to this our Forty-second Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F. and A.M. I welcome all Master Masons as visitors and hope that we shall have an enjoyable, instructive and interesting session of our Grand Lodge Communication.

OPENING OF GRAND LODGE

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented by their accredited Representatives, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form and the Acting Grand Chaplain implored the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. upon its deliberations. The Brethren joined in singing "Oh, God our Help in Ages Past".

THE GRAND MASTER

M.W. Bro. Hector Mackay, on the Throne

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R.W. Bro. F. C. Wilson

PAST GRAND MASTERS

M.W. Bros. W. B. Tate, R. Young, W. J. Smith, W. M. Martin, J. O. Clarke, C. P. Moore, N. R. Craig, M. Musk, D. Fraser, S. J. A. Branion, J. C. Carter, F. C. Hayes.

Grand Senior Warden	W. H. Moor (16)
Grand Junior Warden	F. Hedley Auld (186)
Grand Treasurer	W. J. Smith (2)
Grand Secretary	Robt. A. Tate (11)
Grand Registrar	A. S. Pipes (3)
Acting Grand Chaplain	R. K. Sampson
Grand Pursuivant	R. Thoms (179)
Grand Tyler	T. H. Reeves (16)
Grand Organist	S. W. Foster (92)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R.W. Bros. H. V. Goldfinch (1), A. P. MacLean (2), H. A. Cathro (3), Thos. Hesketh (4), C. A. Moir (5), R. F. Swinton (6), F. L. Stephens (7), W. J. Toppings (9), J. Foster (10), John Stewart (11), Donald McAllister (12), D. M. McIntosh (13), J. M. Hanbidge (15), W. A. Richardson (16), R. L. Maxfield (17).

GRAND STEWARDS: F. Freeman (118), E. A. Hudson (143), R. A. Johnston (198).

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Arizona—A. Greaves	Nebraska—M. Musk
Colorado—W. C. Shearer	Nevada—A. S. Pipes
Costa Rica—R. H. Chant	New Brunswick—D. A. McMillan
Cuba—S. R. Stephens	New York—S. J. A. Branion
Delaware—G. H. Hummel	N. Carolina—A. M. Bell
Denmark,	Nova Scotia—N. R. Craig
(Nat. Grand Lodge of)—	Quebec—W. O. Fraser
W. M. Martin	Queensland—A. F. McFaull
England—W. M. Martin	Rhode Island—T. Guest
France—F. H. Auld	Scotland—R. Young
Idaho—A. W. L. Mann	S. Carolina—J. C. Carter
Illinois—Robt. A. Tate	S. Dakota—F. C. Wilson
Ireland—W. B. Tate	Tennessee—W. H. Moor
Maine—H. Mackay	Texas—A. G. McLean
Manitoba—F. C. Hayes	Victoria—Wm. Leith
Michigan—C. P. Moore	Virginia—D. Fraser
Minnesota—C. H. Boyd	W. Australia—E. C. Bird
Missouri—J. O. Clarke	Wisconsin—F. M. Hodson
Montana—W. J. Smith	

REPRESENTATIVES, CONSTITUENT LODGES AND
PAST MASTERS

- No. 1—Kinistino, Prince Albert: R. Young, R. Mayson, A. Reed, L. Cowie, R. Wyllie, J. Byars.
- No. 2—Wascana, Regina: W. M. Martin, J. M. Wessel, L. C. Moffatt, Chas. R. May.
- No. 3—Moose Jaw, Moose Jaw: A. S. Pipes, G. R. Anderson, G. A. Ferguson, J. W. Gusa, J. Gartside.
- No. 5—Indian Head, Indian Head: L. A. Hubbs, J. R. Conn, J. M. Milroy, A. Adair, J. M. McLeod.
- No. 6—Qu'Appelle, Qu'Appelle: W. B. Tate, J. F. Bell.
- No. 8—Ashlar, Whitewood: W. Reid.
- No. 9—Maple Leaf, Maple Creek: A. F. Gilchrist, F. L. Bettis, R. Bennett.
- No. 11—N.W.M.P., Regina: W. G. Smith, R. A. Tate, J. Robinson, H. S. Hanna, G. H. Bennett.
- No. 12—Yorkton, Yorkton: T. R. Luke, J. J. Willoughby, W. B. Motion.
- No. 13—Rosthern Duck Lake, Rosthern: E. St. G. Hodson, A. H. Murray, F. M. Hodson.
- No. 14—Sintulata, Sintulata: D. H. Ewart.
- No. 16—Saskatchewan, Saskatoon: W. H. Moor, W. E. Rose, F. E. Smith-Jones, W. A. Edwards, T. H. Reeve, R. S. Wells, R. Reeves, A. G. Lamarsh.
- No. 18—Melfort, Melfort: H. V. Goldfinch, W. Lonsdale, W. Fell, I. Scott.
- No. 19—Battle, Battleford: E. H. Clink.
- No. 20—Weyburn, Weyburn: C. P. Moore, P. K. Brown, L. L. Gray.

- No. 23—Britannia, Lloydminster: G. T. Brooks, T. D. Thrower.
No. 25—Estevan, Estevan: E. Woodhead, J. H. Cuddington.
No. 26—Swift Current, Swift Current: F. C. Hayes, C. D. McManus.
No. 28—Hanley, Hanley: F. J. Lloyd, G. Duncan, O. J. Hamre, R. E. G. Adams.
No. 30—New Hope, Stoughton: J. R. Thurlby, C. C. Cameron.
No. 31—Ionic, North Battleford: J. Candline, D. Grant, H. W. P. Gascoigne.
No. 32—Golden Rule, Pense: R. J. Morrison, J. R. Wood, G. Troup, E. P. Hart, H. W. R. Atkinson.
No. 33—Davidson, Davidson: M. Herman, H. L. Sproul, D. J. Lockwood.
No. 35—Prince Rupert, Humboldt: J. M. Hanbidge.
No. 39—Boscurvis, Oxbow: W. O. Fraser.
No. 40—Rouleau, Rouleau: E. E. Johnston.
No. 43—Ishpaming, Langham: E. S. Humphreys.
No. 44—Landmark, Lashburn: W. S. Cooper.
No. 45—Aurora, Theodore: G. T. Killam.
No. 46—Strasbourg, Strasbourg: W. A. Richardson, J. H. M. Essery.
No. 47—Cupar, Cupar: T. Hesketh, J. N. Ormiston.
No. 48—Grayson, Dubuc: E. H. Clayton.
No. 49—Assiniboia, Regina: D. Fraser, S. G. Thomson, J. O. Smith-Jones, G. S. McDonald.
No. 50—Golden Fleece, Halbrite: R. H. Barlow.
No. 52—Border, Gainsborough: G. H. Boland.
No. 53—Nanatah, Balcarres: A. H. Miles.
No. 54—Buchanan, Buchanan: A. C. Jennings.
No. 55—Craik, Craik: A. L. B. Holland.
No. 57—Prairie, Wilkie: C. J. Everest.
No. 58—King Solomon, Kamsack: N. Michasiw.
No. 59—Canora, Canora: H. Oag.
No. 60—Imperial, Saskatoon: J. C. K. Langford, W. Garvie, D. C. Disbery, G. S. Pendleton.
No. 62—Melville, Melville: H. Woodward, R. B. Taylor, H. Mackay, T. J. McGee.
No. 63—Prince Albert, Prince Albert: S. J. A. Branion, M. Musk, E. J. Rainey, W. E. Cutt, D. J. Rose, R. E. Partridge, J. W. Everatt.
No. 64—Manitou, Watrous: H. Smith, G. D. Mills.
No. 65—Outlook, Outlook: J. C. Carter, J. C. Davison, H. Gibson.
No. 66—Wynyard, Wynyard: J. A. Walker.
No. 68—Govan, Govan: D. Smith.
No. 69—Carrot River, Kinistino: R. R. McEwan.
No. 71—Doric, Moose Jaw: N. R. Craig, C. H. Boyd, S. R. Stephens.
No. 72—Corinthian, Lumsden: R. H. Stinson.
No. 73—Unity, Unity: J. Park, J. Hargin, L. Lantz.
No. 74—Kilwinning, Adanac: A. M. Bell.
No. 77—Abernethy, Abernethy: J. A. Steuck, J. K. Pomeroy.
No. 78—Tugaske, Tugaske: R. Wilson, B. F. Cooper, F. F. Perleth, P. N. Allen, R. E. Triggs.
No. 79—Foam Lake, Foam Lake: R. H. Chant, A. J. Reid.
No. 82—Victoria, Alsack: R. Baker.
No. 83—Meridian, Macklin: F. H. Stephens, W. E. Kilpatrick, M. H. Kine.
No. 84—Lanigan, Lanigan: C. E. Lewis, J. R. Argue.
No. 85—Zealandia, Zealandia: R. Burnett, A. F. McFaul, A. D. Fletcher, W. J. Orr.
No. 86—Kindersley, Kindersley: E. H. Bellward.
No. 87—Wadena, Wadena: W. T. Potts, A. Faust, R. Greenwood, H. E. Hanson.
No. 89—Twin City, Sutherland: C. A. Moir, A. Schick, J. Patterson, A. R.

- Housten, R. Horspool, S. Botten, W. A. Heath, C. S. Collis, J. P. Jasper, L. O. Rayner.
- No. 90—Kerrobert, Kerrobert: A. G. Henson, J. I. Bell, N. Canter.
- No. 91—Rosetown, Rosetown: W. H. Blakely.
- No. 92—Progress, Saskatoon: O. S. Wakeford, A. Rose, N. G. Paterson, T. Graham, E. G. Hazell, T. O. Stow, J. H. Wanstall.
- No. 94—Maryfield, Maryfield: A. B. Swanson.
- No. 96—Yellow Grass, Yellow Grass: N. S. Grant.
- No. 97—Radisson, Radisson: G. L. Campbell, H. E. Fennell, H. F. Stewart, F. B. Weeks.
- No. 98—Union, Kelliher: A. T. Arndt.
- No. 99—Goose Lake, Delisle: G. Wylie.
- No. 100—Biggar, Biggar: F. Hopkins, L. H. Sanders, A. B. Johnson.
- No. 101—Acacia, Imperial: R. D. Barbour.
- No. 103—Composite, Kennedy: W. J. Toppings, P. M. Henderson.
- No. 104—King Hiram, Regina: M. L. Moyer, J. W. Hamilton, H. J. Rendall, J. Burns, J. Game.
- No. 105—Gothic, Luseland: W. J. Holton, S. C. Onerheim, D. G. Scheidt.
- No. 106—St. John's, Assiniboia: E. Lumb.
- No. 107—Mortlach, Mortlach: P. H. Rudeen, A. Hansen.
- No. 110—Shaunavon, Shaunavon: W. J. Smith, C. E. Bradley.
- No. 115—Landis, Landis: A. G. Wheaton, A. E. Grenkie.
- No. 117—Dundurn, Dundurn: W. J. Wilson.
- No. 118—Paragon, Kelfield: F. Freeman.
- No. 119—Cabri, Cabri: J. Stewart, S. J. Leach, C. F. Gibson, R. Johnson.
- No. 121—Simpson, Simpson: W. L. Blackmore.
- No. 124—Mount Hermon, Pennant: E. Housego.
- No. 125—Latomia, Weyburn: W. H. Hart, M. A. Beacock.
- No. 127—Birch Hills, Birch Hills: J. P. Scott.
- No. 128—Meyronne, Meyronne: J. D. Myers.
- No. 129—Mossbank, Mossbank: C. C. Shattuck.
- No. 131—Dinston, Dinsmore: M. A. Steele.
- No. 132—Conquest, Conquest: B. Henderson.
- No. 133—Philathea, Nokomis: G. H. Hummel, G. B. Hamilton, E. C. Zimmer.
- No. 134—Eston, Eston: D. McAllister.
- No. 136—St. George, Moose Jaw: J. F. Kerr.
- No. 137—Tyrion, Edam: H. L. Binns.
- No. 138—Kincaid, Kincaid: A. W. Hymers.
- No. 140—Sceptre, Sceptre: L. E. Trew.
- No. 142—Leader, Leader: C. N. Bonsall, N. Ludwig, W. F. Linklater.
- No. 143—Hawarden, Hawarden: H. T. Kelly, E. A. Hudson, H. C. Jones, M. A. Brown, R. J. Pettman.
- No. 144—Victory, Saskatoon: A. Greaves, W. Dunbar, A. McFarlane, D. Lumby, J. T. Truscott, T. Guest, H. D. Elliott, G. J. Shaw, C. M. Peel, J. W. Welsh.
- No. 145—Elfros, Elfros: J. J. Bole, W. G. White.
- No. 146—Asquith, Asquith: E. H. Trickey.
- No. 148—Dunblane, Dunblane: D. A. B. Cameron, J. Sinclair.
- No. 149—Loverna, Loverna: R. M. Sale, W. Fairbairn.
- No. 150—Wawota, Wawota: H. Shepherd.
- No. 151—Viscount, Viscount: W. T. Morphy.
- No. 152—Star City, Star City: M. S. Mooney, H. J. Brett, A. Garinger.
- No. 154—Banner, Regina: H. B. Barrett, C. R. Cook, L. C. McKinley.
- No. 155—Raymore, Raymore: C. Hanna, A. W. Fowlow.
- No. 156—Avonlea, Avonlea: H. A. Cathro.
- No. 158—Borden, Borden: H. Sutherland, T. Griffin, C. A. Orchard.
- No. 160—Cut Knife, Cut Knife: W. Perkins.

- No. 163—Fillmore, Fillmore: F. C. Wilson.
No. 165—St. Luke's, Plenty: D. M. McIntosh, A. E. Bevan.
No. 166—Wakaw, Wakaw: C. H. Tolley.
No. 168—Earl Grey, Earl Grey: A. Binnie.
No. 171—Shellbrook, Shellbrook: W. E. Buckle, R. McIntosh, J. R. Stewart.
No. 173—Lakeview, Tessier: A. W. L. Mann.
No. 174—St. Andrews, Regina: E. C. Bird, J. O. Clarke, J. Luttman.
No. 178—Norquay, Norquay: A. E. Wylie, E. L. Treasure, H. Wylie.
No. 181—Tuberoose, Kyle: K. W. Lytle, I. H. Pittman, C. E. Clark, E. Christensen, L. Draper.
No. 183—Nipawin, Nipawin: W. C. Shearer, D. A. Wright.
No. 184—Osage, Osage: R. Swinton.
No. 185—Loyalty, Ruddell: F. L. Stephens, E. Reid.
No. 186—Emulation, Regina: W. A. Silverthorn, F. H. Auld, A. P. McLean, A. H. Diston.
No. 188—Glenedyth, Climax: W. J. Norris, R. B. McKee.
No. 189—Herschel, Herschel: W. McKenzie, F. E. Friend.
No. 190—Turtleford, Turtleford: H. L. Yoerger.
No. 191—Macrorie, Macrorie: R. L. Maxfield, H. T. Blackwell.
No. 192—Sovereign, Sovereign: E. T. Hambly, J. V. Greer, W. Leith, R. W. Thornton, J. A. Campbell, J. E. Burt, R. Pierson, H. E. McIntyre, L. Douslin, L. H. Wensly, F. O. Hunt, W. S. Hunt.
No. 196—Lacadena, Lacadena: D. A. McMillan, W. E. Wyper.
No. 198—Colfax, Colfax: R. Johnston.
No. 199—Admiral, Admiral: A. C. Running, G. Ahlquist, A. S. Hedstrom, W. Elliott.
No. 200—Hudson Bay, Hudson Bay: J. Foster, R. Jervis.
No. 202—Rose Valley, Rose Valley: A. L. Curtis.
No. 203—Meadow Lake, Meadow Lake: H. M. Bigelow.
No. 204—Northern Light, Loon Lake: J. N. Coulter, J. W. Tomlinson.
No. U.D.—Aberdeen, Aberdeen: G. H. Glover, J. R. Riches.
No. U.D.—Arborfield, Arborfield: O. H. M. Bagg, H. Gilbertson.

The Grand Master gave permission for all Master Masons, properly clothed and vouched for, to be admitted as visitors.

On motion of R.W. Bros. Robt. A. Tate and F. C. Wilson, it was resolved that: "The minutes of the 41st Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held in the City of Regina on June 18th, 1947, as printed in the Proceedings and distributed, be taken as read and confirmed."

On motion of R.W. Bros. Robt. A. Tate and F. L. Stephens, it was resolved that: "Printed copies of the regulations for the government of Grand Lodge being in the hands of all representatives, they be taken as read and adopted."

Distinguished Visitors

The following distinguished visitors were then escorted into Grand Lodge by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

M.W. Bro. Fred I. Mills, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Illinois, was presented by M.W. Bro. S. J. A. Branion.

R.W. Bro. Henry O. Morgan, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Montana, was presented by M.W. Bro. W. J. Smith.

M.W. Bro. Walter McDonald, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was presented by R.W. Bro. F. C. Wilson.

M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was presented by M.W. Bro. J. C. Carter.

M.W. Bro. (Dr.) Wm. A. Henry, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Alberta, was presented by M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig.

M.W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Alberta, was presented by M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate.

The Grand Master in welcoming our Distinguished visitors, said:

Most W. Brethren, our Distinguished Guests—it is with sincere warmth of fraternal affection I welcome you to the Forty-second Communication of our Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

We have had the pleasure of previous acquaintance personally with you and we do hope that your visit here will help to enlarge and strengthen the fraternal bonds between us, and your respective Grand Lodges.

I sincerely hope you will have a good time and I can assure you if I had the keys to this city, or even to the Province, I should be very happy to bestow them on you and accord you every joy while with us. I do hope that your visit will be so happy that the memories of it will be cherished by you for many years to come.

It was my great pleasure in August last to visit the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana, and earlier this month to visit with our Brethren from Manitoba and Alberta at their respective Grand Lodges. I had a grand time wherever I went, and want you to know just how much these visits have meant to me.

I also had the pleasure of meeting Most W. Bro. Mills of the Grand Lodge of Illinois at the Grand Master's Conference and am sincerely happy to have him here. I invite you one and all to the Grand East. We hope you will give to us the benefit of your observations, counsel and judgment.

On your return home, take with you the felicitations from this Grand Jurisdiction and—come to us again.

Come in the evening or come in the morning.

Come when you're looked for—or come without warning.

The warmest of welcome await here before you

And the oftener you come here

The more we'll adore you.

Come as often as you can.

Grand Honours were then accorded our Distinguished Guests.

ADDRESS

Bro. R. K. Sampson, acting Grand Chaplain, was then called on and in addressing the Grand Lodge stated that he was substituting for R.W. Bro. Bishop E. H. Knowles, who was attending the Lambeth Conference in England.

Bro. Sampson stated that if the question was raised "Are you ecumenically minded?" there might be some confusion in the minds of the Brethren, but if the question was stated "Are you world-minded?" it would be clear, but would mean the same thing as Freemasonry encircled the whole habitable globe, we need to be ecumenically or world-minded. The Grand Chaplain had gone to

England because every Anglican Bishop looks forward to attending the Lambeth Conference which is held every ten years. Bishops from all over the world would be there. They were concerned with vital issues which are world wide; moulding and directing the thinking.

Masons are ecumenically minded because we have a world vision. It is important in a world concerned with things. Brother Sampson made reference to the splendid Lodge Meeting held the previous evening, Tuesday, where the Ceremony had stressed the vital things. Our strength is not in material things but the lasting things. Great issues reside in moral worth of things and the individual.

Grand Master's Address

The M.W. the Grand Master delivered the following address, which, on motion of W. Bro. W. A. Silverthorn (186) and W. Bro. H. Woodward (62), was referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address and Jurisprudence:

My Brethren, I extend a hearty welcome to you one and all to our Forty-Second communication of Grand Lodge. This is an especial welcome to the officers and members of our Constituent Lodges, the foundation of the Craft. I also include those distinguished visitors who honour us with their presence—who add grace and charm to our assembly, and extend the length of our cable tow.

May our deliberations be thoughtful and considered as being for the general benefit of the Craft, ever remembering that Freemasonry is a science which includes the principles of purest morality though veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.

Twelve months ago you elected and installed me as your Grand Master. You placed in my keeping the compasses with the "All-Seeing Eye"—and in my hand the gavel of authority. You surrounded me with a corps of fine officers and committee men; You said to me: Most Worshipful Grand Master, we entrust to you the welfare of Freemasonry in Saskatchewan; Look well to the East. I now come before you to give an account of my stewardship.

My first Official act was to accept a seat with the Board of Benevolence. The work done by this board is broad in its scope and it is administered with kindness, yet with a true perspective of the duties as trustees of your benevolence. I very urgently recommend that each Lodge take due note of the report of your Board of Benevolence. Its workings reflect you and Freemasonry in action.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

1947, will be marked in our Country as Canada's Citizenship Year. It may be also for Saskatchewan Masons, the beginning of a new Era—as "Our Freemasonry and Youth Year." In preparing for our District Meetings I felt that to do the best for the Craft I could do no better than to lay emphasis on "Freemasonry and Citizenship" and "Freemasonry and Youth." With this in mind I requested our Grand Secretary to prepare an address on the latter subject while I prepared my official message on the former, and concluding by combining the two topics.

The District Meetings, on the whole were fairly well attended, though in some areas many Brethren have a wrong conception as to the purpose of them and as to the right to attend. I would like to emphasize that the District Meetings are primarily—schools of instructions, and every Master Mason has a right to attend and should make attendance thereat a "Masonic Must." This applies in a particular degree to all Lodge Officers. The meetings are conducted after much preparation and the instruction portion is carried out

under the able leadership of the Grand Secretary.

Then there is the Fellowship Period. This is a time of annual get-together for the District.

The next feature is the selection of the D.D.G.M. and last but certainly not least the opportunity to meet the Grand Master. He is keenly interested in every Mason in the Jurisdiction and the District Meeting is the finest place to get acquainted. Every Mason should welcome this opportunity.

There is a definite responsibility on the respective District Deputies to build up the District Meetings, but there is also an individual responsibility on each Lodge and each member of the Craft. All working together should make the perfect whole.

LODGE CONSTITUTION, INSTITUTION AND AMALGAMATION

It was my happy privilege to constitute three new Lodges:

Rose Valley No. 202 at Rose Valley, June 30th.

Meadow Lake No. 203 at Meadow Lake, July 28th.

Northern Light No. 204 at Loon Lake, July 30th.

I had the assistance of several of our Grand Lodge and Past Grand Lodge Officers at these functions. The true Masonic spirit of comradeship and co-operation was evident to a large degree, and a splendid impression was made at the constitution of these lodges—and installation of their respective corps of officers.

I again sincerely welcome all the Members of these new Lodges into the family and complete fellowship of the Craft.

I issued Dispensations for the Institution of two new Lodges, one at Arborfield, the other at Eatonia. I extend a warm welcome to the Members of these and Aberdeen Lodge also "U.D.", and trust that soon they may be granted Charters and admitted to complete fellowship with the Craft.

Duck Lake Lodge No. 13 and Rosthern Lodge No. 22 decided to unite as Rosthern-Duck Lake Lodge No. 13 at Rosthern. This is the first amalgamation that has taken place in this Grand Jurisdiction and was thus quite a unique experience. I issued a commission to Most Worshipful Bro. Branion to take charge. There being no precedent, in our Jurisdiction he with his usual skill and thoroughness drafted a plan of procedure and on January 14th last consummated the amalgamation in his own incomparable manner. I am indeed grateful to Most Worshipful Bro. Branion.

I welcome this invigorated group, hope it may prosper and continue to be a real force for good in the community served by it. I also commend to certain other Lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction the possibility of following the example of these Brethren.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

I was indeed pleased to have our Grand Secretary join with me in sending out the following Christmas Message:

1947 — *CHRISTMAS MESSAGE* — 1947

"Christmas has ever been the Day of Hope, Peace and Joy. It is our privilege as Masons to so live and act that the world will know we are really seriously trying to live according to the tenets of true Masonry, which embody the precepts of Peace and Joy.

In this world, struggling to recover from the devastating effects of the most terrible conflict in the history of man, we find our leaders, by every known peaceful argument, endeavouring to find solutions for the many difficult and conflicting problems before them.

The International picture is not as bright as we would like, but it is brighter than it was when we were in the midst of actual bloody strife not so long ago. There is much room for hope so long as the leaders can get together to talk things over. Let us all hope and pray that the Spirit of the Great Peacemaker may permeate all discussions and conferences and eventually prevail over all threats that would destroy. May the bell of this Christmas and New Year ring in an era of true blessedness and peace.

Out beyond the white fleeced winter,
Breaks a pure and lovely morn,
Where Mars' tempests dare not thunder
For the Prince of Peace is born.
All the hopes of nations lie there—
In a stable set apart—
Love incarnate blessed the manger,
Love should fill the human heart.
There rest all the hopes of nations
Every hour of every year,
And thro' sparkling mists of Christmas
Surely Peace is drawing near.

I take this opportunity to extend to one and all sincere Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy and Blessed New Year.

Robert A. Tate, *Grand Secretary*

Hector Mackay, *Grand Master*

OFFICIAL VISITS WITHIN SASKATCHEWAN

I enjoyed visiting many lodges within the Jurisdiction and sincerely regret that I was unable to accept all the kind invitations sent to me. Several of the Lodges visited were holding their "Youth Night" meetings. It was a real thrill to meet the many fine young men, in whom so many are so keenly interested, young men who will fulfil the hopes of tomorrow.

There were visits to three anniversary Meetings. N.W.M.P. Lodge No. 11, Regina, held its fifty-third anniversary October 28th; Lodge Progress No. 92, Saskatoon its thirty-sixth on April 16th, and Melville Lodge No. 62, Melville, its thirty-ninth on May 27th.

This latter anniversary coincided with the presentation of a Fifty Year Gold Button to Very Worshipful Brother R. B. Taylor who was the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge when it was instituted in 1909. I was happy to make this presentation as Brother Taylor has been a personal friend since we first met many years ago. This gathering was especially memorable as among the honoured Guests were our Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother R. A. Tate, Most Worshipful Brother A. O. Brooks and Most Worshipful Brother Geo. F. Ellis, Past Grand Master of Alberta, a nephew by marriage of Brother Taylor. Most Worshipful Brother Ellis is also an Honorary Past Grand Master of Saskatchewan. There were many other distinguished visitors and members from neighbor lodges.

A Fifty Year Gold Button was presented to Worshipful Brother Henry Spearing of Boscurvis Lodge No. 39 at Oxbow on October 8th, 1947. Unfortunately, I was unable to be present but was ably represented by Right Worshipful Brother Fern, D.D.G.M. of District No. 8.

Qu'Appelle Lodge No. 6 reported that a Fifty Year Gold Button was presented to Worshipful Brother W. L. Waite, now a resident of Trail, B.C., by courtesy of Fidelity Lodge No. 32.

OFFICIAL VISITS OUTSIDE SASKATCHEWAN

Accompanied by the Grand Secretary it was my privilege to attend the communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana, at Great Falls in August.

There we met many former and made many new friends.

I attended the Seventh Annual Conference of the Four Western Provinces at Banff in September and was ably supported by our I.P.G.M.—Most Worshipful Brother Clink, our D.G.M. Right Worshipful Brother Wilson, and our Grand Secretary Right Worshipful Brother Robt. A. Tate. This conference is rapidly becoming a real power and is performing a magnificent service to Western Masons, so much so indeed that other groups of Grand Lodges are considering forming similar gatherings. The program of the conference will be more fully reported by our Deputy Grand Master. Study his report carefully.

In February I attended the Conference of Grand Masters of North America at Washington. Italy, Porto Rica, all the States of the Union and five of the Provinces of Canada were represented. The selected speaker at the Conference Banquet, which was attended by well over four hundred, was Right Worshipful Brother Dr. W. Harold Young, of Toronto, Past Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. His address was a thought provoking and masterful discourse on "Freemasonry in This Disordered World."

The Conference occupied two full days. It was preceded by the George Washington Memorial Association Meeting at Alexandria and was followed by a Convocation of the Masonic Service Association.

The program considered by the Grand Masters was as follows:

1. History of the Conference of Grand Masters.
2. Freemasonry and Communism.
3. Freemasonry in Italy.
4. The Adaptation of Ancient Craft Masonry to Modern Requirements.
5. The Obligation of Freemasonry to our Youth.
6. The value of Masonic Publications.

On June first and second our Grand Secretary and myself attended the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and followed this on the ninth and tenth at the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

They were proud moments for me when I found myself elected to the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodges of Montana and Alberta, respectively. I consider these as being in recognition of my own Grand Lodge. My visits with the Brethren of all the various Grand Jurisdictions were rich, happy experiences and I hope to have the pleasure of many joyous re-unions with them.

I had the great pleasure of visiting the Brethren of Assiniboine Lodge No 7, G.R.M., in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, Sunday, May sixteenth, on the occasion of the annual attendance at Divine Service. This year the service was at Knox United Church. My home was in Portage la Prairie for many years, and as a youth, I attended Knox Church and sang in the choir. Several Brethren of Assiniboine Lodge were classmates of mine and it was a real thrill to join with them on this occasion.

At all those gatherings I was much impressed and deeply moved by the friendship, comradeship, the cementing influence of oneness of purpose, and the spirit of fraternal union, those forces that have given stability and permanence to the institution of Freemasonry and have enabled it to withstand the destroying hand of time.

COMMISSIONS

The Ninety-Second Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario was held in July while we were engaged with our District Meetings, and unfortunately neither our Grand Secretary nor myself was able to attend. However, I was happy to issue a commission to our Most Worshipful Brother C. P. Seeley to represent our Grand Jurisdiction. He fulfilled his commission in his own inimitable manner, and reported that five Canadian and nine American

Grand Jurisdictions were represented and thirteen hundred delegates registered. He further reported that the Ontario Grand Lodge had undertaken as its special fraternal service the sending of "parcels" to needy Brethren in England and Scotland. The special feature of their banquet was an outstanding address by Rev. W. Harold Young of Toronto. I extend sincere thanks to Most Worshipful Brother Seeley.

Pressing invitations were received by me to attend communications of various other Grand Lodges. It was impossible to accept these but I was pleased to issue a commission to Right Worshipful Brother Tate, our Grand Secretary to represent our Grand Jurisdiction at the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in October. I was happier to do this because he is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. He too, performed his mission in his usual thorough manner and reported having had a wonderful time and having reaped much benefit from the fraternal visit with the Brethren. His own report deals more fully with this but we are all happier because of his visit there as it, in large measure, accounts for the presence with us of Most Worshipful Brother Mills, Grand Master of Illinois.

Another commission that I was pleased to issue was a second one to Most Worshipful Brother Seeley to attend St. George Lodge, Toronto, to present to Most Worshipful Brother R. B. Dargavel his certificate of Membership as an Honourary Past Grand Master of Saskatchewan. He closed his eloquent tribute to this Grand Mason, with these words, "You possess the three patents of nobility that entitle one to a place in the hall of the illustrious; namely, worth of character, distinction of attainment and pre-eminence of service." Again I thank Most Worshipful Brother Seeley for his continued service to our Grand Lodge, our permanent ambassador near the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

DISPENSATIONS AND RULINGS

I was requested to issue a number of Dispensations of a routine nature that do not need to be enumerated. May it suffice if I should call to the attention of Lodge Officers the need to study the Constitution and approved rulings. If this were done, much time, inconvenience and expense could be avoided.

Dispensations were granted, one to Manitou Lodge No. 64 and one to Saskatchewan Lodge No. 16 to initiate candidates who did not meet the necessary qualifications. In the latter case, the applicant was a returned soldier. A very complete examination of the circumstances and disability was made, and it being shown that the applicant could comply with requirements as to obligation, etc., the Dispensation was granted. In the former case, the disability for Masonic requirements was of a less serious nature and the Dispensation was also granted.

I ruled in two separate instances that where a candidate resided and labored, that place was his residence for Masonic purposes, even though he occasionally returned to his paternal home in an adjoining centre, and had expressed the intention of some day returning to establish his own home at such centre.

Several times I was called on for an interpretation of approved ruling number forty. This rule is quite plain and has the legal effect of having been approved by this Grand Lodge.

Many of our Lodges are taking time out to amend their by-laws. In most instances the amendments were well within the limits of the constitution and were approved. In other cases, approval was granted after some modification to bring them within the purview of our ordinances.

APPOINTMENTS

To fill vacancies in the ranks of Grand Representatives in Saskatchewan I was pleased to recommend the following who were in due course appointed:

I recommended the appointment of Most Worshipful Brother W. L. Clink, I.P.G.M. as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and the appointment was duly made by the Grand Master of that Grand Lodge.

I recommended the appointment of Right Worshipful Brother W. H. Moor, Grand Senior Warden, to represent the Grand Lodge of Tennessee near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and the appointment was duly made by the Grand Master of that Grand Lodge.

I recommended the appointment of Right Worshipful Brother R. R. McEwen, P.D.D.G.M. to represent the Grand Lodge of West Virginia near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and the appointment was duly made by the Grand Master of that Grand Lodge.

On recommendation of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick it gave me great pleasure to appoint Very Worshipful Brother Rev. Joseph McAlden, to represent the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

On recommendation of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico it gave me great pleasure to appoint Right Worshipful Brother Frank H. Alpers to represent the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan near the Grand Lodge of New Mexico.

On recommendation of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York it gave me great pleasure to appoint Worshipful Brother M. M. Levison to represent the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan near the Grand Lodge of New York.

On recommendation of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska it gave me great pleasure to appoint Right Worshipful Brother H. H. Thom to represent the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

FRATERNAL DEAD

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me,
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.
But such a tide as, moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns home again.

This Masonic year has been fraught with the sadness of farewells. Two of our beloved Past Grand Masters, who ever laboured for and contributed much to the advancement of the Craft in Saskatchewan, answered the summons of the G.A.O.T.U. and ascended to the Grand Lodge Above. James McGregor, installed as Grand Master in June, 1931, obeyed the call on September 28th; Nathaniel B. Williams installed as Grand Master, June, 1919, responded to the summons on October 25th. Their memories are cherished in our hearts and their deeds do ever live as monuments to their years of labour. A most appropriate "In Memoriam" was prepared by the Grand Secretary, and was ordered to be read in each Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Saskatchewan Masons suffered a severe loss when on March 23rd his Honour Worshipful Brother R. J. M. Parker, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province bade us farewell and answered the call. He was a good Mason and a staunch friend. With other members of the Grand Lodge in full regalia I

attended the State Funeral Service at St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral, March 27th. This was conducted by his Lordship the Right Rev. Bishop Knowles, our Grand Chaplain.

Many others of our beloved laid down their working tools and answered the summons to higher service, and will be referred to in the report on necrology.

We have also received notice from Sister Grand Jurisdictions of the passing of many distinguished Brethren. We extend our sincerest sympathy and with them mourn the passing of:

Alabama—Guy T. Smith, Grand Secretary.

Alberta—S. J. Blair, Past Grand Master; A.G.R. Bond, Past Grand Master.

Arizona—Otis James Baughn, Past Grand Master, Grand Treasurer.

British Columbia—Charles M. Kingston, Past Grand Master.

Connecticut—Anders Jacobsen, Past Grand Master; Winthrop Buck, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary.

Colorado—Reuben W. Hershey, Past Grand Master.

Florida—Jesse C. Clark, Past Grand Master; Warren S. Taylor, Past Grand Master.

Idaho—Louis R. Scott, Past Grand Master.

Illinois—William Tinsley, Past Grand Master.

Indiana—Thomas R. Bohon, Past Grand Master; Douglas B. Douglass, Past Grand Master; Ira Harrison Church, Past Grand Master.

Iowa—John W. Gannaway, Past Grand Master.

Kentucky—Henry P. Barret, Past Grand Master.

Manitoba—Jabez Miller, Past Grand Master; Harry Woods, Past Grand Master; Alex Burgess, Grand Treasurer.

Michigan—Albert J. Young, Past Grand Master.

Minnesota—Charles D. Boyce, Past Senior Grand Warden.

Mississippi—John F. Dixon, Past Grand Master; Walton G. Grayson, Past Grand Master; James H. Johnson, Past Grand Master.

Montana—Harlon L. Hart, Past Grand Master.

North Dakota—Mark I. Forkner, Past Grand Master.

Nevada—Harold R. Amens, Past Grand Master.

Ohio—Earle Stewart, Past Grand Master.

Oregon—William C. Bristol, Past Grand Master; Earl W. Snell, Past Grand Master.

Rhode Island—James B. Littlefield, Grand Master; Edward Tudor Gross, Past Grand Master.

South Dakota—William F. Sargent, Past Grand Master.

Texas—Joseph J. Mansfield, Past Grand Master; Terrell G. Williams, Past Grand Master.

Wisconsin—Charles E. George, Past Grand Senior Warden; Clarence Hill, Past Grand Master; Charles Francis Lamb, Past Grand Master.

Wyoming—James J. Jewett, Past Grand Master; William O. Wilson, Past Grand Master.

Appropriate reference to all our beloved dead will be made by the Committee on Necrology and suitable memorial pages will be inserted in our proceedings.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark,
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I at last embark.
For tho' from out our bourne of time and place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

FREEMASONRY IN ITALY

A brief reference to Freemasonry in Italy. The address on this at the Grand Masters Conference was presented by Dr. Publio Cortini, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Orient of Italy. He painted a picture of the tragic struggle that had been the lot of Masons in his country from the time that Mussolini had crushed the craft and expropriated its lands. Many groups at great peril to themselves had maintained contact and were now enjoying the privileges of freedom unknown for more than twenty years. Masonic property was being restored though in some cases judicial processes had to be resorted to, to obtain the full justice.

Three members of the Cabinet of Premier Gasperi were Masons. Most Worshipful Brother Dr. Guido Laj, who in 1944 had been nominated by the Allied Authorities, as Vice Mayor of Rome, was unanimously elected Grand Master of the New Grand Lodge at the First General Masonic Meeting, held in November, 1945.

Dr. Cortini said: "If adverse events compelled us to furl up this standard (of Masonry) and hide it in the depths of the earth, the resurrection of the new Democratic Italy has restored it again to the light to show Italians the true Path." He was supported by two Italian Presbyterian Clergymen, Rev. Frank B. Gigliotti and Rev. Anthony Caliendo.

In the discussion that followed many questions were asked and Dr. Cortini made it quite plain that the V.O.S.L. is the volume used on the Altars.

He made a very strong plea to have the Grand Orient of Italy recognized by the various Masonic Grand Bodies. This will be dealt with by the report of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

FREEMASONRY AND YOUTH

I have already made mention of this subject in that portion of my address dealing with the District Meetings. One of the topics considered at the Conference of Grand Masters of North America was "The Obligation of Freemasonry to Our Youth".

M.W. Bro. Paul Yearsley, Grand Master of Delaware, M.W. Bro. Rupert F. Asplund, Grand Master of New Mexico and myself were requested to prepare addresses and lead the discussion:

M.W. Bro. Asplund said in part—

"The essential agencies for the development of youth are the home, the school, the church, and governmental agencies. However, the functioning of all these agencies depend upon community interest in bringing about cooperative effort among parents, teachers, church leaders, law enforcement personnel and the young people themselves. To get team work and effective action, the need points to the formation of a Community Youth Council with all elements represented. Masons may find, in the promotion of united effort, an opportunity to fulfill their obligations to youth. To bring about neighborhood and community conditions favorable to youth and development generally will make for better conditions in which the sons and daughters of Masons may develop personality and leadership."

From the address of M.W. Bro. Yearsley I quote—

"The primary purpose of the Masonic institution is to carry on the work of Masonry according to the old land-marks but along with this, I feel that we should take a more active part in the life of our communities as an organization and let the world know we practice what we teach; for our teachings aren't any secret to the outside world as the world has known for years what we stand for. However, our age is convinced only by our actions and how could we better show our fellowmen that we are interested in the welfare of our communities and states, than by helping train the youth, who tomorrow will be the leaders

of our great nation, for 'As the twig is bent, the tree is inclined to grow'."

May I be pardoned if I quote at greater length from my own address—

"Masons have an obligation to home life and companionship with the youth of the family. His sons crave for this companionship. The influence that is being wielded by the unconscious tuition radiating from everyone is immeasurable. It is incumbent on every Mason to take stock and make sure that those radiating from himself will be of the highest quality. Actions speak louder than words and the brotherhood of man, like charity, begins at home.

In setting up the example of our life we must recognize our obligation of regular church attendance. We derive our moral existence from God through the agency of the church. If fathers and Masons do not attend church the boys and youth will not do so. If the church is not strong and doing the work we think it should, we as Masons have a responsibility to get into active church work and do our bit. Straighten out the kinks and make it virile, active and attractive to our youth.

No, Masonry is not a religion but it does teach men to be religious. We want our sons and the youth of community to obey the moral law. They cannot obey something they know little or nothing about. Our duty is to be an example for them.

We owe an obligation to our Youth to accept responsibility on our school boards, our municipal, state, provincial and national bodies. If we do not become members of any of these bodies we owe it to ourselves and to all to in our District. It is a duty to get out to vote. We should strive to see that the members we elect are upright, honourable and the best obtainable and that these bodies do not pinch pennies. On the contrary, see that they make due allowance and ample provision for supervised, recreational facilities and occupational guidance. There is much that can be done but it must be done intelligently.

As Masons, then, we should present our lives and thus our craft — Freemasonry—so that it will reveal its strong moral fibre of stability, its intellectual developments, its sociability and good fellowship.

We have an obligation to our Youth, individually to attend lodge so that we may be impregnated, revived and inspired by the source of true Masonic science. We must keep in tune with the Infinite and with the benefits that can be derived from true Masonic contact and study. Our electric light goes out if the wires are cut, or if anything interferes with or interrupts the flow of power from the source. So it is with our moral life. We have an obligation to keep in tune with the Infinite, the source of our moral and Masonic life.

I repeat, The Hope of Tomorrow is the Youth of Today.

Hitler built his revolutionary armies by organizing the Youth of his country. There are great youth movements being organized in practically every country in the world to-day. We must recognize the fact that these youth movements must be properly guided or our civilization, and with it our Masonry, will perish.

We individually have an obligation to accept our responsibility in taking our place as leaders, and guides in these movements. We do not have a responsibility to start any new separate organization. There are plenty of them and room in each for every Mason individually to fulfill his obligation.

Saskatchewan Masons have embarked on an extensive "Youth" program. For some years we have been fostering "Father and Son" nights, and "Youth" nights. This year we have enlarged our committee and have made "Freemasonry and Youth" the main objective or activity for the year.

The committee is a very representative group. It includes two merchants—one of whom is chairman; two high school principals, two lawyers; one Deputy Sheriff; one Corporal of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; one newspaper

man who was for many years a Y.M.C.A. Secretary, and last, but certainly not least, our own Grand Secretary. All of these have had wide experience as leaders in sports and other youth activities. They were selected from strategic areas in our Grand Jurisdiction. We have also enlisted the services of our Deputy Grand Master, and our Grand Junior Warden. The latter is also the Chancellor of our University. We extend congratulations to our Grand Junior Warden on his election as Chancellor.

The Committee met and drafted a program with various suggestions for "Youth" nights. These programs were distributed to the D.D.G.M.'s and by them to the various lodges. At the District Meetings we focused attention on "Freemasonry and Youth"—and on "Freemasonry and Citizenship." We instructed the D.D.G.M.'s to make a special effort to interest the individual Lodges to hold "Youth" nights. Where possible the member of the Youth Committee nearest to the D.D.G.M. went with the latter on his official visits to support the "Youth" effort.

The response has been very gratifying. A great number of Lodges have held or are planning to hold "Youth" nights.

The young men—in age from sixteen to twenty-one are selected and sponsored by members of the Craft. The names are handed in to the Lodge committee and invitations are sent to them from the Secretary.

The Lodge is assembled with officers and members in their respective places properly clothed. If the Lodge has been opened for any purpose it is closed after the Master has explained the procedure to be observed. The general atmosphere of a Masonic gathering is maintained throughout.

The Director of Ceremonies or other officer appointed for the purpose leads the Youth into the Lodge room. He introduces them to the Master and through him to the Lodge. The Master welcomes them and then they are seated with their sponsors.

A very special "Re-Dedication Ceremony" which includes the presentation of our flag is then performed by the Master and Wardens. This ceremony concludes with the singing of the National Anthem. The gathering disperses and re-assembles for a banquet and other program. If there are to be addresses a number of topics such as "Freemasonry and Democracy," "Freemasonry and Citizenship," etc., have been suggested.

Our "Freemasonry and Youth" gatherings have been well received wherever held. The young men have spoken in glowing terms of them, and seem to be very favourably impressed.

A follow-up whereby individual members will maintain contact with the young men is essential. It is hoped the "Youth" nights will become annual events and be of real value to the youth, the craft and the community.

In this manner are we, in Saskatchewan, endeavouring to fulfill "The Obligation of Freemasonry to Our Youth."

I believe the idea has taken a firm hold of the spirit and imagination of Freemasons of our Grand Jurisdiction, and I expect great results to develop from judicious fostering and leadership of the program. Incidentally, it may prove such a drain on the time and energy of our Grand Secretary as to require some extra help for him. In fact it may develop to such an extent as to require a full time chairman. That is something that must be considered soon.

There is, here, for us, a great field of opportunity. There is a challenge to all Freemasons, individually as well as collectively. Our Youth are anxious for good leadership. The individual responsibility we cannot avoid. Let each one of us look well to our home and local field of opportunity for service and leadership. More financial assistance will also need to be provided.

Before preparing this address I wrote to each of my District Deputies for

a report on what had been done and what plans for Youth Meetings were being made. The reports on the whole were good. In some districts only a few such gatherings had been held but, in several, many such had taken place and more were being planned. As recently as the eleventh of this month I attended a Youth night and our Grand Secretary has reports of many others that have been held.

I want, here, to pay due tribute to the pioneers in this work. Officers of Grand Lodge, members of previous committees on "Freemasonry and Youth," who laid the foundation of the work. That foundation on which we hope and those who follow us will hope to erect a superstructure perfect, or nearly perfect, in its parts and honourable to the builders.

In concluding my report, I desire, with all my heart, to express to all my officers and committee members, my sincere appreciation for their assistance, my grateful thanks for their unselfish co-operation and my profound gratitude for their untiring efforts to spread this Gospel of the duty of Freemasonry to Youth.

May we all join together to express our gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U. for favors already received. May he continue to preserve our order by cementing and adorning it with every social and moral virtue.

"Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of Kings.
"Rise up, O men of God!
His Kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood,
And end the night of wrong."

All of which is fraternally submitted.

HECTOR MACKAY, Grand Master.

GREETINGS AND REGRETS

Letters and telegrams were read from: M.W. Bros. J. K. Irwin, T. W. Sutherland, J. R. Yorke, J. W. Estey, A. O. Brooks, C. P. Seeley, Past Grand Masters; P. H. Galbraith, Sam Harris, Charles Davidson, Honourary Past Grand Masters; R.W. Bro. T. H. Pendlebury, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, R.W. Bro. A. C. Garner, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Bro. W. G. Haultain, Fifty Year Masonic Veteran; R.W. Bro. Roscoe C. Clark, Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Illinois, R.W. Bro. Harold H. Thom, Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and from M.W. Bro. Verne Wells, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, conveying greetings on behalf of his Grand Lodge.

Report of Grand Treasurer

The Grand Treasurer, M.W. Bro. W. J. Smith, submitted the following report, which, on motion of M.W. Bros. W. J. Smith and J. Orville Clarke, was received, and with the Report of the Auditor, referred to the Committee on Finance.

To the M.W. Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

I have pleasure in submitting my report as your Treasurer and attach hereto statement of receipts and payments for the year ended 31st March, 1948.

The details of the assistance payments from the Benevolent Fund will be found in the report of the President of the Board of Trustees.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Year Ended 31st March, 1948

GENERAL FUND

Receipts:

Cash on hand 1st April, 1947.....	\$ 100.20	
Cash in bank 1st April, 1947.....	6,695.22	
	<u> </u>	\$ 6,795.42

Dues and fees:

Membership dues.....	\$ 11,148.20	
Initiation fees	3,588.00	
Affiliation fees.	238.00	
Commuted life memberships.....	887.20	
Past Masters and other certificates.....	264.00	
	<u> </u>	16,125.40

General receipts:

Dispensations.....	\$ 329.00	
Sale of supplies.....	1,002.60	
Charters.....	105.00	
Interest on bonds.....	1,002.94	
Benevolent fund grant.	1,000.00	
	<u> </u>	3,439.54
		<u> </u>
		\$ 26,360.36

Payments:

Salaries and Honoraria:		
Grand Secretary.....	\$ 3,600.00	
Grand Treasurer.....	200.00	
Grand Tyler.....	15.00	
Stenographer.....	1,080.00	
Office assistance.....	1,190.00	
Auditor.....	250.00	
Committee on foreign correspondence.....	200.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 6,535.00
Carried forward.....		\$ 6,535.00

Brought forward.....	\$ 6,535.00	
Travelling:		
D.D.G.M.'s.....	\$ 1,071.25	
Grand Master.....	931.57	
Grand Secretary.....	743.53	
Board of General Purposes.....	528.62	
General.....	601.66	
Conference of Western Grand Lodges.....	284.10	
	<u>4,160.73</u>	
	\$ 10,695.73	
Office rental.....	\$ 1,495.00	
Unemployment insurance.....	33.95	
Printing proceedings.....	967.63	
Stationery and supplies.....	773.90	
Safety deposit box rental.....	7.19	
Postage and excise.....	723.42	
Grand Master's Regalia.....	248.40	
Superannuation—Grand Secretary...	561.60	
Grand Lodge expense.....	460.71	
Retiring allowance—Honorary Grand Secretary.....	1,200.00	
Telephone and telegraph.....	189.38	
	<u>\$ 6,661.18</u>	
Light.....	\$ 38.34	
Flowers.....	38.95	
Cartage and express.....	65.28	
Sundry.....	142.42	
Bonding officers.....	8.90	
Addressograph and filing cabinet....	319.37	
Bonds purchased.....	1,027.50	
The "Work" purchased.....	202.50	
Regalia.....	542.41	
	<u>2,385.67</u>	
Cash on hand 31st March, 1948.....	\$ 100.00	
Cash in bank 31st March, 1948.....	6,517.78	\$ 6,617.78
		<u>\$ 26,360.36</u>

BENEVOLENT FUND

Receipts:		
Cash in bank 1st April, 1947.....	\$ 4,527.63	
Initiation levies.....	8,980.00	
Per capita tax.....	6,163.00	
Bank and bond interest.....	21,896.66	
Initiation levy in advance.....	10.00	
Lodge contributions.....	35.00	
	<u>\$ 41,612.29</u>	
Payments:		
Grant to general fund.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Expenses of trustees.....	127.95	
Bank for custody of bonds.....	115.65	
Bonds purchased.....	19,091.90	
Assistance less refunds.....	15,164.50	
	<u>35,500.00</u>	
Cash in bank 31st March, 1948.....		<u>\$ 6,112.29</u>

EDUCATIONAL FUND

Receipts:

Cash in bank 1st April, 1947	1,181.16
Interest on bonds and savings	95.89
	<u> </u>
Cash in bank 31st March, 1948	\$ 1,277.05
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REHABILITATION FUND

Cash in bank 1st April, 1947	\$ 17,707.00
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Payments:

Assiniboia Lodge No. 49	\$ 206.50
King Hiram Lodge No. 104	207.00
Emulation Lodge No. 186	95.50
	<u> </u>
	\$ 509.00

Cash in bank 31st March, 1948	\$ 17,198.00
	<u> </u>

TRACING BOARD

Receipts:

Cash in bank 1st April, 1947	\$ 3,702.50
Subscriptions received	2,241.23
	<u> </u>
	\$ 5,943.73

Payments:

Printing, wrapping and mailing	2,000.98
	<u> </u>
Cash in bank 31st March, 1948	\$ 3,942.75
	<u> </u>

ELWOOD TRUST

Receipts:

Cash in bank 1st April, 1947	\$ 183.22
Interest on bonds and savings	20.93
	<u> </u>
	\$ 204.15

Payments:

Care of grave	\$ 12.15
	<u> </u>
Cash in bank 31st March, 1948	\$ 192.00
	<u> </u>

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. SMITH,

Grand Treasurer

Audited and found correct

Rooke, Thomas & Co.

Auditors.

Auditors' Report

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
REGINA, Saskatchewan.

We have audited the books and records of your Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the year ended 31st March, 1948, and submit herewith the following schedules and reports:

Exhibit A—Balance Sheets
Exhibit B—General Fund—Revenue and Expenditure Account
Exhibit C—Benevolent Fund, Educational Fund, Elwood Trust,
Tracing Board—Revenue and Expenditure Accounts
Exhibit D—Consolidated surplus Account
Schedule A—Schedule of Investments

We have verified all investments shown on the Balance Sheet, either by examination thereof or by certificate of custody from The Royal Bank of Canada.

We hereby certify that, in our opinion, the Balance Sheets set forth correctly the affairs of the Grand Lodge as at 31st March, 1948, and that the revenue and expenditure accounts show correctly the operations for the year, according to the information and explanations given us and as shown by the books of the Grand Lodge.

ROOKE, THOMAS & CO.

Regina, Saskatchewan,
20th April, 1948.

Chartered Accountants.

Exhibit A—BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1948 GENERAL FUND

Assets

Cash on hand and in bank—General fund.....	\$ 6,617.78	
Tracing Board.....	3,942.75	
		\$ 10,560.53
Supplies for resale.....		1,058.69
Prepaid rent.....		115.00
Furniture and fixtures.....	2,470.00	
Regalia.....	1,297.00	
		3,767.00
Investments—Schedule A.....	\$ 23,659.00	
Accrued interest.....	284.00	
		23,943.00
		<u>\$ 39,444.22</u>

Liabilities

Niblock Trust.....	\$ 6.10	
TRACING BOARD		
Reserve for unearned subscriptions.....	\$ 1,536.00	
Surplus.....	2,406.75	
		\$ 3,942.75
Surplus.....		35,495.37
		<u>\$ 39,444.22</u>

BENEVOLENT FUND

Assets:

Cash in bank.....	\$ 6,112.29
Investments—Schedule A.....	\$452,381.26
Accrued interest	5,268.15
	<u>457,649.41</u>
	<u>\$463,761.70</u>

Liabilities

Fees paid in advance.....	\$ 10.00
Revenue surplus.....	\$ 37,634.11
Capital surplus.....	426,117.59
	<u>463,751.70</u>
	<u>\$463,761.70</u>

EDUCATIONAL FUND

Assets:

Cash in bank.....	\$ 1,277.05
Advances to teachers.....	250.00
Investment—Schedule A.....	\$ 1,595.00
Accrued interest	3.75
	<u>1,598.75</u>
	<u>\$ 3,125.80</u>

Liabilities:

Surplus	\$ 3,125.80
	<u>\$ 3,125.80</u>

ELWOOD TRUST

Assets:

Cash in bank.....	\$ 192.00
Investment—Schedule A.....	\$ 370.25
Accrued interest.....	8.00
	<u>378.25</u>
	<u>\$ 570.25</u>

Liabilities:

Elwood Trust.....	\$ 570.25
	<u>\$ 570.25</u>

REHABILITATION FUND

Assets:

Cash in bank.....	\$ 17,198.00
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Liabilities:

Scholarship trust.....	\$ 17,198.00
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Exhibit B—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
Year Ended 31st March, 1948

GENERAL FUND

Revenue:

Dues and fees	\$ 16,128.40
Dispensations and charters	434.00
Interest earned on bonds	978.94
Profit on sale of supplies	354.56
Grant from Benevolent Fund	1,000.00
	\$ 18,895.90

Expenditure:

Salaries and honoraria—

Grand Secretary	\$ 3,600.00
Grand Treasurer	200.00
Grand Tyler	15.00
Stenographer	1,080.00
Office assistance	1,190.00
Committee on foreign correspondence	200.00
Auditor	250.00
	\$ 6,535.00

Travelling—

D.D.G.M.'s	\$ 1,071.25
Grand Master	931.57
Grand Secretary	743.53
Board of General Purposes	528.62
General	601.66
Conference of Western Grand Lodges	284.10
	\$ 4,160.73

Office rent	\$ 1,380.00
Unemployment insurance	33.95
Printing proceedings	967.63
Sundry stationery and supplies	773.90
Safety deposit box rental	7.19
Postage and excise	723.42
Superannuation—Grand Secretary	561.60
Grand Master's regalia	248.40
Grand Lodge expense	460.71
Telephone and telegraph	189.38
Light	38.34
Flowers	38.95
Cartage and express	65.28
Sundry	150.97
	\$ 5,639.72

Depreciation—Furniture	\$ 229.37
Regalia	70.41
	299.78

Retiring allowance Honorary

Grand Secretary	1,200.00
	\$ 17,835.23

**Surplus to consolidated surplus
account**

1,060.67

Exhibit C—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
Year Ended 31st March, 1948

BENEVOLENT FUND

Revenue:

Initiation levies.....	\$ 8,980.00
Per capita tax.....	6,163.00
Donation.....	35.00
	\$ 15,178.00
Interest earned.....	20,669.11
	<u>\$35,847.11</u>

Expenditure:

Assistance less refunds.....	\$ 15,164.50
Grant to General fund.....	1,000.00
Bank for custody of bonds.....	115.65
Expenses of Board of Trustees.....	127.95
	<u>\$ 16,408.10</u>
Transferred to revenue surplus....	\$ 4,261.01
Transferred to capital surplus.....	15,178.00
	<u>\$ 19,439.01</u>
	<u>\$ 35,847.11</u>

TRACING BOARD

Revenue:

Subscription revenue.....	\$ 2,241.23
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Expenditure:

Printing, wrapping and mailing.....	\$ 2,000.98
Surplus for the year.....	240.25
	<u>\$ 2,241.23</u>

ELWOOD TRUST

Revenue:

Interest earned.....	\$ 20.93
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Expenditure:

Care of grave.....	\$ 12.15
Surplus for the year.....	8.78
	<u>\$ 20.93</u>

EDUCATIONAL FUND

Revenue:

Interest earned.....	\$ 95.89
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Expenditure:

Surplus for the year.....	\$ 95.89
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Exhibit D—CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS ACCOUNT
Year Ended 31st March, 1948

Balance 1st April, 1947.....	\$483,906.15
Net gain—Benevolent Fund—Capital.....	\$ 15,178.00
Benevolent Fund—Revenue.....	4,261.01
Tracing Board.....	240.25
General Fund.....	1,060.67
Educational Fund.....	95.89
	<u>20,835.82</u>
Total surplus 31st March, 1948.....	<u><u>\$504,741.97</u></u>

Schedule A—INVESTMENTS AS AT 31st MARCH, 1948

BENEVOLENT FUND

Province of Saskatchewan Bonds:		Face Value Book Value	
1959	4½%.....	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,665.50
1952	5½%.....	2,000.00	1,868.00
1955/60	4 %.....	10,000.00	7,855.10
1949/54	4 %.....	4,000.00	3,125.00
1953/58	4 %.....	17,000.00	13,729.76
1962	3¼%.....	2,500.00	2,454.00
1957	4 %.....	1,000.00	752.40
1957	4½%.....	7,400.00	7,017.60
1949	4 %..... £200....		980.82
1954	5 %.....	51,000.00	46,622.30
1955	4½%.....	8,000.00	8,420.00
1960	5 %.....	19,200.00	20,495.00
1963	3 %.....	9,000.00	8,670.50
1964	3 %.....	4,000.00	3,880.00
1962	3¾%.....	5,000.00	4,919.50
1950	5 % F.L.....	600.00	614.00
1960	5 %.....	97,200.00	97,476.45
1958	5 %.....	28,000.00	23,753.48
1955/60	4 %.....	16,000.00	12,502.00
1952	6 %.....	16,000.00	15,559.25
1951	4 %..... £582....		2,789.91
Dominion of Canada:			
1957	3 %.....	6,000.00	6,000.00
1960	3 %.....	7,500.00	7,500.00
1959	3 %.....	5,500.00	5,505.00
1953/58	3 %.....	3,000.00	2,970.00
1956/66	3¼%.....	1,000.00	990.00
1956	3 %.....	6,000.00	6,000.00
1966	3 %.....	15,000.00	14,825.00
Perp.	3 %.....	3,000.00	2,651.25
1962	3 %.....	10,000.00	10,000.00
1963	3 %.....	10,000.00	10,000.00
Others:			
1951	6½% City of Regina.....	3,000.00	3,033.00
1959	4½% City of Saskatoon..	10,000.00	8,758.00
1959	5 % City of Saskatoon ..	1,000.00	950.50
1961	5 % City of Saskatoon...	21,000.00	19,995.00
1952	6 % City of Saskatoon.....	1,000.00	1,024.00
1957	5 % City of Regina.....	3,000.00	3,009.00
1959	5 % City of Regina.....	5,000.00	4,875.00
1960	3 % City of Moose Jaw..	2,000.00	1,960.60
1966	4 % City of Prince Albert..	12,166.66	6,691.66
Carried forward.....		£782	\$425,566.66
			\$402,888.58

Schedule A—INVESTMENTS AS AT 31st MARCH, 1948—Continued

			Face Value	Book Value
Brought forward..		£782....	\$425,566.66	\$402,888.58
Others—Continued				
1954/59	3 $\frac{c}{o}$	C.N.R....	2,000.00	1,945.00
1962	3 $\frac{c}{o}$	G. T. P.....	£400....	1,954.68
1954	5 $\frac{c}{o}$	C.N.R....	40,500.00	43,065.00
1951	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{c}{o}$	Regina S.D....	2,000.00	2,048.00
1948		War savings certificates.....	600.00	480.00
			<u>£1182</u>	<u>\$452,381.26</u>

GENERAL FUND

Province of Saskatchewan:

1952	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{c}{o}$		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,195.00
1955/60	4 $\frac{c}{o}$		11,500.00	11,598.00
1958	4 $\frac{c}{o}$		2,000.00	2,043.00
1957	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{c}{o}$	F.L.....	1,000.00	1,035.00
1960	4 $\frac{c}{o}$		1,000.00	1,007.00
1960	5 $\frac{c}{o}$		400.00	451.00
Others:				
1966	3 $\frac{c}{o}$	Dominion of Canada..	1,000.00	1,000.00
1957	5 $\frac{c}{o}$	City of Regina.....	2,000.00	2,008.00
1962	3 $\frac{c}{o}$	G.T.P.....	£100....	322.00
			<u>£100</u>	<u>\$ 23,659.00</u>

EDUCATIONAL FUND

1960	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{c}{o}$	Province of Saskatchewan.....	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,595.00
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ELWOOD TRUST

1960	4 $\frac{c}{o}$	Province of Saskatchewan.....	\$ 500.00	\$ 370.25
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Grand Secretary's Report

The Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, submitted the following report which, on motion of R.W. Bros. Robt. A. Tate and C. A. Moir, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

My annual report as Grand Secretary is presented herewith:

DISTRICT MEETINGS

In conformity with the practice of previous years and in consultation with the Grand Master, I developed a programme and itinerary for the annual District Meetings (see Appendix). The programme provided for afternoon and evening sessions. Your Grand Secretary attended all District Meetings and at the afternoon session, as a member of the Board of Custodians, directed the exemplification of portions of the M.M. Degree; Board of Trial of a Visitor; and gave instruction in the Board of Installed Masters. At the request of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund I briefly referred to the work of the Fund and the responsibilities of the Lodges receiving grants therefrom. At the evening session I delivered an address on "Freemasonry and Youth", and also conducted a Masonic quiz on the M.M. Degree and the Constitution.

In connection with the tour of District Meetings, I assisted the Grand Master in Constituting and Consecrating Rose Valley Lodge No. 202, Rose Valley, on June 30th, 1947; Meadow Lake Lodge No. 203, Meadow Lake, on July 28th, 1947; and Northern Light Lodge No. 204, Loon Lake, on July 30th, 1947.

PROCEEDINGS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.

Immediately after the close of the forty-first Annual Communication, the Proceedings were compiled and submitted for publication. Once again we found that the printers, as a result of difficulties over which they had no control, were unable to make delivery as promptly as we had hoped. However, the Proceedings came to hand on September 26th, and copies were mailed to all Lodges, Officers of the Grand Lodge, Members of the Board of General Purposes, and all Grand Lodges with which we are in fraternal correspondence.

The mimeographing, printing and sending out of lists of Suspensions, Rejections and Restorations; Notice of Motion to amend the Constitution; the notice calling the Forty-second Annual Communication of Grand Lodge; letters of instruction and information with reference to District Meetings, Semi-Annual Returns, Meeting of instruction for D.D.G.M.'s; all received prompt and careful attention.

Commissions to fill vacancies as Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan near the Grand Lodges of New Brunswick, New Mexico and New York were prepared and issued as indicated in the address of the Grand Master.

Charters for Rose Valley Lodge No. 202, Meadow Lake Lodge No. 203, and Northern Light Lodge No. 204, Certificates for elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers, 50-year Membership Certificates, nine hundred and fifty-two (952) Master Mason Certificates, one hundred and seventeen (117) Past Masters' Certificates and one hundred and forty-seven (147) Life Membership Certificates were prepared and issued as required.

The Committee on Printing and Supplies authorized the purchase of addressograph equipment which will facilitate the routine work of the office. The filing cabinets for the card index were received from the manufacturer and the work of developing our card index system is progressing satisfactorily.

This is a heavy task and I do not anticipate it being completed for at least another two years. There are almost fifty thousand (50,000) cards to be carefully prepared, checked and filed. The work has been completed insofar as Lodges one to twenty-five are concerned.

During the latter war years, the administrative work of your office was made exceptionally difficult as a result of inability to obtain efficient assistance for Miss Pinkney, and the problem was greatly aggravated on the termination of her employment, to become married, at the conclusion of the war. The situation steadily worsened until April of this year when the staff was reorganized and I am now confident that the reputation for efficiency, courtesy and high standard of service previously enjoyed by the office will be regained. In spite of this difficulty, the work of the office is up-to-date.

DISPENSATIONS

The following Special Dispensations have been issued by direction of the M.W. the Grand Master:

To attend Divine Service wearing regalia: 42
 To Elect, Install, or Elect and Install at date other than as set: 27
 To transact all regular business at time other than as set by Bylaw: 6
 To act on petition from without Jurisdiction of Lodge: 5
 To receive and act on petition from applicant not physically perfect: 2
 To confer degrees short of time: 4
 To confer Life Membership without Constitutional requirements: 28
 To heal irregularity of Degrees conferred short of time: 4
 To form new Lodges: 1
 To extend six months period in which initiation to take place: 3
 To hold regular meeting in place other than named in Charter: 1

REGALIA REPLACEMENT

The Grand Senior Warden's and the Grand Chaplain's regalia had become completely worn out and were replaced, on authorization from the Committee on Printing and Supplies.

RETURNS

The following is a synopsis compiled from the Semi-Annual Returns for August 1947, and February 1948:

Total Membership February 28th, 1947	14,877
Membership, February 28th, 1947 on whom G.L. dues payable	13,510
Add—Initiated	897
Affiliated	238
Restored	78
Charter Members Lodges U.D.	16
	1,229
Deduct—Demitted	361
Suspended	57
Deaths	165
Commuted Life Members	146
	729
Membership, February 29th, 1948 on whom G.L. dues payable	14,010
Commuted Life Members, February 28th, 1947	1,367
Added during year	146
Deaths, Commuted Life Members	56
	1,457
Total Membership, February 29th, 1948	15,467
Net Gain	590
Total Number of Chartered Lodges	201

TOTAL INITIATES — NET LOSS, NET GAIN

The following table is compiled from the records of Grand Lodge.

	Total Initiates	Net Loss	Net Gain
1928	646		237
1929	697		373
1930	603		234
1931	400		24
1932	217	353	-
1933	198	530	
1934	151	490	
1935	169	476	
1936	193	224	
1937	253	169	
1938	245	179	
1939	265	144	
1940	295	124	
1941	337	86	
1942	315	83	
1943	380		55
1944	637		401
1945	961		771
1946	1,028		765
1947	1,093		811
1948	897		590

The above table discloses the interesting fact that during the years 1932 to 1942, inclusive, there was a total net loss of 2,858, and that from 1943 to 1948, inclusive, there has been a total net gain of 3,393.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

All fees, dues, etc., owing to Grand Lodge for the year ended March 31st, 1948, have been paid.

The following is a summary of the financial transactions of the office:

Receipts—General Fund	\$19,559.08
Benevolent Fund	37,825.81
Educational Fund	95.89
Elwood Trust	20.93
Rehabilitation Fund	
Tracing Board	2,241.23
	\$59,742.94
Deposits—General Fund	\$19,559.08
Benevolent Fund	37,825.81
Educational Fund	95.89
Elwood Trust	20.93
Rehabilitation Fund	
Tracing Board	2,241.23
	\$59,742.94

The Benevolent Fund receipts listed above include a voluntary contribution of Thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) by F. H. Stephens.

FIFTY YEAR GOLD BUTTONS

The required proof of fifty years' Membership having been filed with the office, Buttons were issued to Lodges as indicated herewith:

To Qu'Appelle Lodge No. 6 for presentation to W. Brother W. L. Waite and V.W. Brother D. Browne.

To Boscurvis Lodge No. 39, Oxbow for presentation to W. Brother Henry Spearing.

To Melville Lodge No. 62 for presentation to V. W. Brother R. B. Taylor.

To Dinston Lodge No. 131, Dinsmore, Brother A. A. Steele.

THE TRACING BOARD

The assembling of the material, proof-reading, supervision of distribution and general administrative work pertaining to the publication of The Tracing Board, received prompt and careful attention.

CONFERENCE OF WESTERN CANADIAN GRAND LODGES

In company with the Grand Master, Immediate Past Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Editor of the Tracing Board, I attended the Seventh Annual Conference of Western Canadian Grand Lodges in Banff, Alberta, on September 4th, to 6th, 1947. There were three representatives from Manitoba, six from British Columbia, nine from Alberta and special representatives from the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, the Grand Lodges of Illinois, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and North Dakota.

As a mark of appreciation for being invited to participate in the Conference, the Grand Lodge of Oregon donated the necessary funds to furnish each constituent Lodge in the four Western Grand Jurisdictions with a copy of the addresses delivered at that Conference. On receipt of our quota of this material from the Secretary of the Conference, copies were immediately forwarded to all our Lodges thus making available Masonic Educational material of inestimable value.

SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

In company with the Grand Master, I attended the eighty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana, at Great Falls, on August 19th and 20th, 1947. As a result of an interchange of visits of this nature there has developed a very close bond of fraternal friendship between the Brethren of the Grand Lodges of Montana and Saskatchewan.

Honouring the commission of the M.W. the Grand Master, I attended the one hundred and eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois at Chicago, on October fourteenth and fifteenth, 1947. Our Grand Lodge has enjoyed, and our Membership has been enriched by, the attendance of Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Illinois on a number of occasions. It was the wish of our Grand Master that I, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, reciprocate this courtesy, last year. I found it a delightful and educational experience. It was my first opportunity to observe one of the larger Grand Lodges in operation and I benefited greatly from the experience. It was with a genuine feeling of sorrow that I recently learned of the passing of M.W. Brother William Tinsley who had presided as Grand Master last year.

Your Grand Secretary was Guest Speaker at the eighth Annual "Police Night" of Unity Lodge No. 51, Edmonton, Alberta, on February 17th, 1948. Over four hundred Brethren, including the M.W. Grand Master of Alberta, and several Grand Lodge Officers, were present. On the following evening I was the Guest Speaker at a "Youth Night" organized by the Red Deer Lodges.

VISITATIONS

During the year the following functions were attended officially by your Grand Secretary. At each meeting reported hereunder, I delivered an address appropriate to the occasion. At those meetings which featured our "Freemasonry and Youth" Programme, the addresses were primarily directed to the young men who were the guests of the Lodge, for the evening. Lessons of morality, patriotism and fraternalism were emphasized in the hope of stimulating interest in these fundamental virtues of the Masonic "Way of Life". The details thereof are as follows:

On October 28th, 1947, the fifty-third anniversary and annual "Police Night" of N.W.M.P. Lodge No. 11. Subject of address—"The Most Important Freemason".

On November 7th, 1947, the first "Youth Night" of Rosetown Lodge No. 91. Thirty-eight young men were present. Subject of address—"Freemasonry and Freedom".

On November 10th, 1947, the first "Youth Night" of Indian Head Lodge No. 5. Thirty-seven young men attended. Subject of address—"Our Canadian Freedom Heritage".

On February 10th, 1948, a special meeting of Moose Jaw Lodge No. 3. Subject of address—"Individual Masonic Responsibility".

On March 19th, 1948, the annual "Youth Night" of Assiniboia Lodge No. 49, Regina. Subject of address—"Canadian Citizenship and Freemasonry".

On April 30th, 1948, the first "Youth Night" of Ekapo Lodge No. 38, Broadview. Thirty-three young men were present. Subject of address—"Democratic Responsibility".

On May 6th, 1948, a "Youth Night" jointly sponsored by Weyburn Lodge No. 20 and Latomia Lodge No. 125, at Weyburn. The interest of our Weyburn Brethren in the "Freemasonry and Youth" program was evidenced by an attendance of over two hundred Masons and the young men who were their guests, in the commodious Legion Hall. Subject of address—"Democracies Challenge".

On May 18th, 1948, the first R.C.M. Police night of Swift Current Lodge No. 26. Arrangements for this very successful event were developed by Bro. Inspector E. Brakefield Moore. The Degree work of the evening was colourfully and precisely exemplified by the Members of the R.C.M. Police in uniform. Subject of address—"Freemasonry and Labour".

On May 20th, 1948, a "Youth Night" jointly sponsored by Radisson Lodge No. 97, Borden Lodge No. 158 and Loyalty Lodge No. 185, at Radisson. Subject of address—"Canada and Freemasonry".

On May 27th, 1948, a meeting of Melville Lodge No. 62, at which V.W. Bro. R. B. Taylor was presented with Saskatchewan Freemasonry's Fifty Year Gold Button and Grand Lodge Fifty Year Certificate. This is the home Lodge of our Grand Master and the occasion was of particular personal interest as the honoured guest has been a friend of our family for almost fifty years.

On May 19th, 1948, at the request of the D.D.G.M. of District No. 5, R.W. Bro. C. A. Moir, I accompanied him to Dundurn Lodge No. 117. I sincerely hope that our efforts to solve the problems of this Lodge will be successful.

In addition to the foregoing, I attended a large number of meetings both in Regina and at outside points. As a result of the heavy work in the Grand Lodge Office, I was unable to accept invitations to numerous other meetings equally important and deserving of attendance.

On October 1st, 1947, I attended the Masonic Funeral Rites for our late M.W. Bro. Jas. McGregor.

On March 27th, 1948, at the invitation of the Government of the Province of Saskatchewan, in company with the M.W. Grand Master and other ranking Members officially representing Grand Lodge, I attended the State Funeral for W. Bro. the Hon. Reginald J. M. Parker, Late Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan.

GRAND MASTER'S REHABILITATION FUND

The amount standing to the credit of this fund as at March 31st, 1948, is \$17,198.00.

Disbursements since April 1st, 1947, are as follows:

Assiniboia Lodge No. 49	\$206.50
King Hiram Lodge No. 104	207.00
Emulation Lodge No. 186	95.50

CONCLUSION

I wish to express very sincere appreciation of the splendid co-operation extended to me during the year by Lodge Secretaries, D.D.G.M.'s and Grand Lodge Officers.

I have particularly enjoyed the privilege of serving with our Grand Master. His sincerity, his very apparent love of Freemasonry and his keen interest in our "Freemasonry and Youth" programme, have been in evidence throughout the year.

Brethren of Saskatchewan, I place in your hands the record of another year's service as Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBT. A. TATE,

Grand Secretary.

Report of Board of General Purposes

R.W. Bro. Fred C. Wilson presented the report of the Board of General Purposes which, on motion of R.W. Bro. Fred C. Wilson and M.W. Bro. C. P. Moore, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan:

Brethren:

On June 18th, 1947, immediately following the closing of Grand Lodge, the organization meeting of this Board was held. The Standing Committees were selected, the personnel thereof being reported at Pages 133 and 134 of the 1947 Proceedings.

R.W. Bro. W. H. Moor was elected Vice-President and R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Secretary.

The Board convened at 8:00 p.m. on June 14th, 1948, in the Bessborough Hotel, Saskatoon, with 27 Members present. The Board was honoured by the presence of M.W. Bro. Walter McDonald, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary of the same Grand Jurisdiction, M.W. Bro. William Henry, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and M.W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary, and R.W. Bro. Henry O. Morgan, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana. These distinguished guests were welcomed and invited to be present during the deliberations of the Board.

The President appointed M.W. Bro. Douglas Fraser, Chairman, and R.W. Bros. W. O. Fraser, R. R. McEwan and R. L. Hanbidge as a Committee to strike Standing Committees and also appointed the Credential Committee consisting of R.W. Bro. A. S. Pipes, Chairman, R.W. Bro. G. H. Hummel, V.W. Bro. E. C. Bird and R.W. Bro. A. Greaves, with power to each Committee to add to its Membership.

The reports of the Standing Committees were submitted and after consideration referred to Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED C. WILSON,

Deputy Grand Master

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters

On motion of R.W. Bros. A. P. MacLean and T. Hesketh, it was resolved that the following reports of the D.D.G.M's having been referred to the Committee on Condition of Masonry, they be taken as read and printed in the Proceedings.

DISTRICT No. 1

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1.

On my investiture I set myself the objective of visiting each Lodge in the District on one of its regular meeting nights, because I believed that this plan had several important advantages. First, it caused no loss of time or inconvenience to the Members in having to attend an Emergent Meeting called solely for my official visit. Second, it would give me an opportunity to observe and check the general routine business of the Lodge, which does not come up in an Emergent Meeting. Third, I believe the attendance as a rule, in most Lodges, is better at the regular meetings. Fourth, it gives a D.D.G.M. an opportunity to see both the routine and actual Degree work.

This meant that the visits were spread over a considerable period but I certainly feel that the result more than justified the little extra effort on my part, as the average attendance for the whole District was sixty-four percent.

The work in nearly all Lodges in the District is well maintained and conforms to Grand Lodge standards.

The Lodge Secretaries gave every assistance possible. The Historical Record and the necessity for a complete entry of all events of interest, seems to be the one thing in which many fail.

My impression is that Freemasonry is in a flourishing condition. There is a large increase in Membership in many Lodges, also the attendance at Meetings is showing an increase. I was particularly struck with the fact that the officers are nearly all young men, thus qualifying themselves for further advancement by proving the material.

In the majority of Lodges there is a keen interest in Masonic Research and the Tracing Board is being used to great advantage.

During the year the Lodges of Rosthern and Duck Lake amalgamated, taking the name and number of Rosthern-Duck Lake Lodge No. 13, the Meetings to be held at Rosthern, the date of amalgamation being January 14th, 1948.

On March 4th, 1948, I had the pleasure of Instituting a new Lodge at Arborfield, Sask. The assistance given by the Brethren of Tisdale Lodge on that occasion is very much appreciated.

The District Meeting was held in Prince Albert on July 25th, with, I believe, a record attendance. The Lodges assisting in the exemplification of the work were Tisdale, Carrot River, Star City and Melfort. The Grand Secretary gave some helpful suggestions.

The subject of the Grand Master's address was "Freemasonry and Citizenship". At the evening session, Worshipful Brother McIntosh of Shellbrook Lodge was elected D.D.G.M. for 1949.

My year as D.D.G.M. has proved to be an interesting and inspiring experience, one that has given me a new insight into the spirit and fellowship

of Freemasonry. Throughout the District there is a real spirit of harmony and brotherhood, all my visits have been a pleasure and I bespeak for my successor the same wholehearted support from the Officers and Brethren of District No. 1.

Faternally submitted,

H. V. GOLDFINCH, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 2

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

Herewith I submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 2, covering seven City and seven non-City Lodges.

Freemasonry as a whole is in a sound and thriving condition in this District. Many new Members have been admitted and they appear to be good Masonic material.

Visitations—All Lodges in the District have been officially visited with the exception of Gray. This Lodge was, however, visited early in the fall, unofficially. Since then roads have been impassable. The official visit will be made at an early date.

All Lodges are in the hands of well-skilled and efficient officers and are financially sound. I was greatly impressed with the quality and ability of the Senior and Junior officers.

Punctuality should, however, be more carefully observed.

Attendance in City Lodges can be improved and this is having close attention by Masters and officers. Non-City Lodges real good, and deserve special mention.

Arrears of dues—All Lodges in fairly good condition. A special effort was made to clean up all arrears with outstanding results.

Study Progress and retention in work (particularly newly initiated candidates) having good results.

"Freemasonry and Youth" program as outlined by Grand Lodge—taken up with each Lodge and action was to be considered.

Lodge books and records in good shape. Secretaries very efficient and many well-skilled in the work of their offices. I wish to pay special tribute to them for the fine work they are doing.

The Tracing Board is being well received and looked upon as a great help to all Masons.

Regina Masonic Council—The Sick and Visiting Committee under Chairmanship of Brother F. E. McKeown, in visiting and comforting Brethren from outside Districts in Regina Hospitals, is doing a worthy piece of work. Results—excellent.

The Annual Meeting of District No. 2 was held in Regina, July 17, 1947. At 2:00 p.m. an exemplification of a Board of Installed Masters was given by Worshipful Brother Frank Kimberley and the W. Brethren of N.W.M.P. Lodge No. 11. Right Worshipful Brother Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary, gave necessary instructions to the Board.

At 2:45 p.m. the District Meeting was opened in due form by the D.D.G.M. of District No. 2. The chairs were occupied by officers of St. Andrews, Assiniboia and Emulation Lodges, with Right Worshipful Brother Frank Williamson of Assiniboia Lodge No. 49 as D. of C.

The M.W. the Grand Master, Hector Mackay, Right Worshipful Brother F. C. Wilson, Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother F. H. Auld, Grand J.W., Most Worshipful Brother W. J. Smith, Grand Treasurer, Most Worshipful Brothers J. Orville Clark, J. R. Yorke and Douglas Fraser, all were received in due form and extended Grand Lodge Honours.

Right Worshipful Brother E. S. Weeks, P.D.D.G.M., presented his report for the year 1946-47.

Exemplification of portions M.M. Degree by Worshipful Brother J. E. L. Dickson and officers of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 174 and a "Board of Trial" conducted by Right Worshipful Brother F. Williamson, Right Worshipful Brother E. A. Miscampbell and Worshipful Brother Thomas Andrews. N.E. Angle conducted by R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary.

Evening Session at 7:45 p.m. Worshipful Brother Ernest Edward Johnston of Bethune, a Member of Rouleau Lodge No. 40 and Honourary Member Corinthian Lodge No. 72 at Lumsden was selected to serve as D.D.G.M. for the year 1948-49, subject to the confirmation of the Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary addressed the meeting on "Freemasonry and Youth." This address was forceful and inspiring.

Attendance 101. Only one Lodge not represented. It was felt the meeting was quite successful.

Resignation District Secretary—It was with regret the resignation was accepted of our District Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother Walter Leslie who found it necessary to do so, owing to ill health. His long years of faithful service are greatly appreciated. To his successor, Worshipful Brother E. G. Bourne, Secretary of St. Andrew's Lodge, our sincere thanks and appreciation for assuming this important office.

I again wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Brethren of District No. 2 for the honour they conferred upon me and for the privilege of having served as your representative of the M.W. the Grand Master for this District, and to the M.W. The Grand Master for confirming my selection. My sincere thanks to all the Lodges for the very cordial welcome accorded to me on my visits to all the Brethren who accompanied me on my visits to outside Lodges. Finally thanks to our Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother Robt. A. Tate, for his assistance and guidance at all times. This was appreciated. To my successor, Worshipful Brother Ernest E. Johnston, I extend best wishes for an enjoyable and successful year.

Fraternally submitted,

A. P. MacLEAN, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 3

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 3.

District No. 3 activities for the year began with the District Fellowship Meeting held in the Masonic Temple, Moose Jaw, on July 18th, last. We had ninety-seven representatives of the eleven Lodges, and four visitors. It is my sincere regret that four Lodges were not represented and it is my hope that the day will soon come when only a community catastrophe could prevent a Lodge being represented at this every Master Mason's gathering.

On my meeting being opened, we were privileged to receive officially the

Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother Hector Mackay who was accompanied by Most Worshipful Brother N. R. Craig, P.G.M., Right Worshipful Brother Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother A. S. Pipes, Grand Registrar, with Right Worshipful Brother Fred C. Wilson, D.G.M., joining the gathering in the evening. Worshipful Brother A. C. Woods of St. George Lodge acted as W.M. for the instructional part of the meeting and was very ably assisted by Members of Moose Jaw Lodges in each of the other chairs. Right Worshipful Brother Robt. A. Tate took his usual active and helpful part and the exemplification team received warm congratulations on its work. The following discussion was spontaneous, lively and informative and was terminated only by the afternoon adjournment. After an hour of relaxation and informal fellowship, the Moose Jaw City Lodges were hosts to the gathering at a delightful banquet.

During the evening session, Brother Arthur Wilson of Moose Jaw Lodge No. 3, was selected for recommendation to the next G.M. as D.D.G.M. for District No. 3. Right Worshipful Brother Robt. A. Tate then addressed the Meeting on "Freemasonry and Youth", and fired his subject with both inspiration and challenge. Worshipful Brother John Morrow of St. George Lodge gave a lecture on the M.M. Tracing Board. His skill in research and experience in instruction resulted in an interesting treatment of the subject with new Masonic knowledge for everyone present. The Grand Master spoke on "Freemasonry and Citizenship" and referred particularly to our new Canadian citizenship with its challenge and increased responsibility. His address was indeed timely, very much appreciated and most heartily applauded. I shall ever be grateful to the many loyal Brethren who helped to make this fine meeting possible and to the many who assisted in various ways throughout my year in office.

During the year I have visited officially each of the fifteen Lodges in the District. In many I was able to observe Degree work or to see portions of the work exemplified. The skill and devotion of our officers and the general conformity to regulations has probably never been on a higher level. One thing has been brought to my attention and will ever stay with me. Masons, like all good scholars, prefer practical demonstration and visual instruction rather than long verbal explanations. Some very interesting discussion periods took place with the D.D.G.M. and other Brethren on the floor of the Lodge with the formalities relaxed. I was not able to satisfy every question raised but all would agree that much valuable knowledge was gained by these mutual and friendly efforts.

Nearly all of the Lodges are occupied with reception of candidates and conferring of Degrees—all are busy. I could wish that more time was taken for the enlargement of Masonic knowledge and for the pleasure of intervisitation.

The financial condition of all Lodges is satisfactory and improving. Eliminating one Lodge whose large assets would obscure the general picture, this District has assets of over \$44,000.00 with total debt less than 5% of assets. Of this total debt, no less than 21% is on account of prepaid dues, 19% is sundry current debt and 60% is capital debt.

During each and every visit I found the spirit of Freemasonry flourishing and the memory of greetings, receptions, Masonic fellowship, hospitality and entertainment will never be erased from my mind. The Officers and Members of Lodges in District No. 3 have given to me a new insight and birth into Masonry that will provide pleasure for the rest of my earthly course. I delivered an address at each meeting, speaking seven times on "Freemasonry and Religion" and gave three other addresses at other meetings. To each I tried to bring new Masonic knowledge and light, to draw a lesson and to emphasize one or more of our duties as Masons.

I wish to thank my Brethren for the honour which has been conferred upon me and for the inspiration and pleasure which the work has brought to me. In conclusion, I would like to leave this short message for my Brethren in Masonry. We have all been told that Masonry possesses great and invaluable privileges but we were not told that these privileges would just be dropped into our hands and hearts. It is my firm belief that each and every one of us of whatsoever rank or station, will get from Freemasonry in the exact proportion that we contribute to it. We must seek and reach and strive and work for its privileges. Let us then contribute of our time and talents and thought and be assured that if we do that, our days will be made more pleasant, our talents will be multiplied and our hearts will be filled with satisfaction and the joy of living and lasting happiness.

Fraternally submitted,

H. A. CATHRO, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 4

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 4.

The District Meeting was held at Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask., on Friday, July 4th, 1947. All the Lodges in the District were represented. Ninety-five delegates signed the District Register.

The M.W., the Grand Master accompanied by Right Worshipful Brother Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary, and Very Worshipful Brother Steuck, Grand Senior Deacon, were escorted into the Lodge and introduced by Very Worshipful Brother Hubbs of Indian Head. The Grand Lodge Officers were invited to the East, and accorded Grand Honours. The Grand Master briefly acknowledged the welcome and congratulated the District on the large attendance.

The afternoon session opened at 2:00 p.m. In the Installed Master's Rite, Right Worshipful Brother Robt. A. Tate instructed the Board on some points. The Board closed at 2:30 p.m.

The District Meeting opened at 2:30 p.m. Every Lodge in the District had at least one Member occupying an Officer's chair.

The program of exemplification of the Third Degree, as directed by the M.W. the Grand Master was carried out. Each Lodge in the District exemplified a portion of the work. The session was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. and reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Very Worshipful Brother Hubbs of Indian Head was selected D.D.G.M. for 1948-49.

The Meeting was then favoured with three outstanding addresses. The first was by the Right Worshipful Robt. A. Tate, the Grand Secretary, on the timely subject "Freemasonry and Youth". Worshipful Brother McCaul of Abernethy read a very excellent paper on "The Chart of the Third Degree". The Meeting was then favoured with the very able address of the M.W. the Grand Master on the subject "Freemasonry and Citizenship". The District Meeting closed in harmony at 10:00 p.m.

I have visited all the Lodges in District No. 4. I found them all in a healthy and progressive state. On my visits I stressed the benefit to be derived from interlodge visitation, the need for World Citizenship, and World Brotherhood, also the importance of our accepting our responsibility to Youth. I have examined the books and records. I have observed the officers in the

discharge of their official duties and without exception, I have found the records well kept, and the officers performing their duty with dignity, efficiency and in a truly Masonic spirit. I have also checked on the standing of the Lodge and the officers in each community. I was more than pleased with the favourable reports I received. However, I feel that the highlight of the year is the very fine Masonic spirit which exists not only in the constituent Lodges, but between all the Lodges of the District.

Every Lodge in the District has improved its financial position in 1947-48. The average attendance in most Lodges has improved. The calibre of the men being admitted is most gratifying.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Brethren of District No. 4 for the privilege of serving as District Deputy Grand Master and for the courtesy shown me on my official visits. I also want to express my sincere thanks to the M.W. the Grand Master and to the R.W. the Grand Secretary for assistance and guidance.

Fraternally yours,

THOMAS HESKETH, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 5

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 5.

The District Meeting was held in the City of Saskatoon on Wednesday, July 16th, 1947, with M.W. Brother Hector Mackay, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, and other Grand Lodge Officers in attendance.

The Board of Installed Masters was opened promptly at 2 p.m. with Worshipful Brother W. E. Rose acting as Installing Master, and instruction was received from Right Worshipful Brother Robt. A. Tate.

The District Meeting was opened at 2:45 p.m., at which time M.W. Bro. Hector Mackay, Grand Master, R.W. Bro. W. H. Moor, Grand Senior Warden, R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate and other distinguished Brethren, were introduced by R.W. Bro. Arthur Greaves and accorded Grand Honours.

Portions of the M.M. Degree were exemplified in a very creditable manner by the officers chosen for the occasion. R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate reviewed the work in his very capable and tactful manner, stating the main purpose of the District Meetings was the fostering of good fellowship and as far as possible to have a general uniformity in the work throughout the Province.

The highlights of the meeting were the addresses given by M.W. Bro. Mackay and R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, the former choosing for his subject "Freemasonry and Citizenship", the latter, "Freemasonry and Youth", the general feeling of the Brethren being that the topics selected were applicable to present day conditions. A most interesting and highly educational address was given by Worshipful Brother (Dr.) Herman of Davidson Lodge No. 33, who spoke on the Third Degree Chart. The use of a special chart of his own design brought out the significance of the symbols in a most clear and comprehensive manner.

Freemasonry in general, District No. 5, and Imperial Lodge No. 60, in particular, suffered a severe loss in the passing of our Beloved Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother James McGregor, on Sunday, September Master, M.W. Bro. James McGregor, on Sunday, September 28th, at the age of eighty-two years. The Masonic funeral rites were held under the auspices of

Imperial Lodge No. 60, with M.W. Bro. Hector Mackay in charge, assisted by R.W. Bro. F. C. Wilson, Deputy Grand Master. Many past and present Grand Lodge Officers testified to the high esteem with which our late Brother was held. **HE WAS TRULY THE LIVING SYMBOL OF THE HIGHEST INCULCATED IN FREEMASONRY.**

I am pleased to report the selection of Wor. Bro. W. E. Rose of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 16 for recommendation to the incoming Grand Master, as D.D.G.M., for the ensuing year. Wor. Bro. Rose has given unsparingly of his time and talent in furthering the interests of Freemasonry in this City and District for many years. He is well known to a great many of the Brethren in District No. 5 and I know he will fulfill the duties of his office in a capable and efficient manner.

At the time of making this report, it has been my privilege to visit fourteen of the fifteen Lodges in the District, officially, as well as making a number of unofficial visits. It is my intention to visit the fifteenth Lodge during the month of May. I am pleased to report the work in this District is of a high standard, conforming very closely with Grand Lodge requirements. Keen interest is being shown by the officers, and the attendance was exceptionally good on all my official visits. Due, in part, to the prosperous conditions, the desire for fraternal fellowship and the high excellence in which Freemasonry is regarded throughout the District, most Lodges are enjoying a heavy influx in Membership, of a very high calibre. During my year I have felt the need for more attention being given to Masonic research and study. I stressed this point at most of the meetings on account of the new Members—so many young officers and so much time being devoted to Degree work. I found all Lodges in a sound financial position, a decrease in outstanding dues, and the records well kept.

At the special request of M.W. Bro. Mackay, who is keenly interested in the future of our youth, I brought to the attention of each Lodge, his desire, that if possible, they hold some form of "Youth Night". Three of the Lodges have held "Father and Son" nights, with most gratifying results. Several more of the Lodges have intimated their intention of holding similar nights at a future date. It is my hope that this will be an annual occurrence with many of the Lodges, as I feel that it is a very worthwhile endeavour.

In concluding, I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to the Brethren of District No. 5 for the privilege extended to me of serving as D.D.G.M. and for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me. The meeting of old friends and the making of many new ones has made my year of office a most pleasant one. To the Grand Secretary, I express my grateful thanks for his full co-operation and assistance. To R.W. Bro. Arthur Greaves, Wor. Bro. W. E. Rose and Brother Roger Strumm, who accompanied me on most of my visits, as well as many other Brethren who assisted me, my sincere thanks. I extend to my successor, Wor. Bro. W. E. Rose, my best wishes for a happy and successful year, and may the Most High continue to favour us with His blessing.

Faternally submitted,

C. A. MOIR, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 6

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 6.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple at Weyburn on Wednesday, July 23rd, 1947. The registered attendance of 26 Members, was a very poor showing. Five Lodges were not represented. This was partly due to the fact that so many had started harvesting.

R.W. Bro. R. F. Swinton, D.D.G.M., opened a Board of Installed Masters at 2:00 p.m.

The District Meeting opened at 2:50 p.m. when the M.W. the Grand Master accompanied by R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary, were presented and introduced to the Meeting by R.W. Bro. A. Shotter and escorted to the East where they were accorded Grand Honours. A welcome was extended by the D.D.G.M. which was suitably acknowledged by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

I have visited all Lodges in the District and find them in a splendid condition, all getting new Members of good quality material, thus potentially contributing to the upbuilding of Freemasonry.

The Degree work witnessed in the several Lodges was very impressive and consequently presented to the new candidates a complete picture of what Freemasonry represents.

All Lodges are in splendid condition financially, and many Lodges are in the process of erecting better accommodations in the way of new Temples, more permanent and well located.

I was interested to find that "Freemasonry and Youth" received unanimous support and numerous Lodges are making efforts to hold a "Youth Night", either by themselves, or jointly with a neighboring Lodge. I wish here to congratulate the Brethren of the two Weyburn Lodges on their "Father and Son" Banquet held May 6th, 1948. We should have more of this type of gathering.

I am more than grateful to the Brethren of District No. 6 for the honour they bestowed on me in having me represent them for the year 1947 as their D.D.G.M., and to the Grand Secretary a hearty vote of thanks for the courtesies he has shown me on all occasions. To my successor, W. Bro. P. K. Brown, every success and the offer of any assistance I may offer.

Fraternally submitted,

R. F. SWINTON, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 7

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 7.

With the addition of Meadow Lake and Northern Light, District No. 7 now has thirteen Lodges, and means considerable travelling, but I am glad to say I was able to visit each Lodge, and I would like at this point to thank the W.M. and Secretary of each Lodge for their splendid co-operation during my visit with them.

The District Meeting was held at North Battleford on Friday, July 11th. The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Hector Mackay, the Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother Robt. A. Tate, and the Grand Senior Deacon, Very Worshipful Brother H. Sutherland, were introduced to the Meeting by Right Worshipful Brother J. E. McLarty of Ionic Lodge.

After the minutes of the last District Meeting had been read and adopted, and Right Worshipful Brother N. S. Smith, the retiring D.D.G.M., had sub-

mitted his report, certain parts of the M.M. Degree were then exemplified, under the direction of Worshipful Brother W. G. Foster, of Loyalty Lodge.

The Grand Secretary gave some very helpful comments during these proceedings and I was pleased to note that many questions were asked by the Brethren, which were ably answered by the Grand Secretary, thereby helping to attain uniformity in our Ritual.

At the evening session, Worshipful Brother H. L. Binns, of Tyrian Lodge No. 137 was selected for recommendation for appointment as D.D.G.M., for the ensuing year. I feel sure the same co-operation that I have received will be given to him when he assumes office.

The evening was highlighted by two splendid addresses, The Grand Master on "Freemasonry and Citizenship" and the Grand Secretary on "Freemasonry and Youth". Most Worshipful W. L. Clink also gave a very interesting talk on the Third Degree Chart.

I found on my official visits that all the Lodges in District No. 7 are in good financial standing, and also are getting a considerable number of new Members, and I particularly noted that these new Brethren are young men of good ability, which speaks well for the future of the Craft.

The highlight of my year was the Constituting and Consecrating of Meadow Lake Lodge, on July 28th, and Northern Light Lodge, on July 30th. Under the guidance of the Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary, these Ceremonies were conducted in a very impressive manner, and were an experience I shall never forget. In this connection, I wish to sincerely thank all those Brethren who gave their time and talent, and so ably assisted at these Ceremonies.

I would also like to mention that the Ceremonies at Meadow Lake were held in the Legion Hall, which at that time, they were using as a Lodge room, but when I went back for my official visit in November, they were in their new Masonic Hall, a splendid building, which they had erected in the meantime.

In closing, I would like to say how much I have enjoyed the privilege of serving as District Deputy, and I have done my best to merit the honour you have bestowed on me.

Faternally submitted,

F. L. STEPHENS, D.D.G.M

DISTRICT No. 8

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 8.

The District Meeting was held at Carlyle on Tuesday, July 22nd, 1947, with a total of sixty-nine Members registered.

Grand Lodge Officers present were Most Worshipful Brother Hector McKay, Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Wilson, Deputy Grand Master and Right Worshipful Brother Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary.

The Board of Installed Masters held a short session.

The District Fellowship Meeting got under way at 2:45 p.m. Our Grand Master and his officers were invited to the East.

Considerable floor work took place in the afternoon, under the guidance of our Grand Secretary. The meeting was called at 5:00 p.m. for dinner, and resumed at 7:30 p.m. Worshipful Brother C. C. Cameron was selected for recommendation for appointment as D.D.G.M. for 1948-49.

The Grand Secretary gave a forceful address on "Freemasonry and Youth", our Grand Master delivered an outstanding address on "Freemasonry and Citizenship". These addresses were enjoyed by all.

Freemasonry is making wonderful progress in District No. 8, and it has been a pleasure to the writer to have had the opportunity to serve them.

Youth nights have been held by some of the Lodges and have proved most successful. We must continue to work in the interest of our Youth, if we are to have a better community and Province to reside in; we must enthuse them with the value of the Democratic Way of Life, so let's keep up the good work.

It was pleasing to observe that Border Lodge was well represented at our District Meeting. This Lodge is making wonderful progress. They have moved into a new home.

If we as Masons wish our Lodge to be the star of our community, we must be active.

Personally I wish to thank the Secretaries of the Lodges of this District for their splendid co-operation that they have given me.

To our Grand Secretary for his guidance and never failing instructive advice to the writer when I have called on him for his opinion.

To my successor, Worshipful Brother Cameron, I extend best wishes for an instructive and enjoyable year in Freemasonry.

Fraternally yours,

W. E. FERN, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 9

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 9.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall in Broadview, on July 21st, with eight of the twelve Lodges in the District being represented. There was a total attendance of sixty-three but there were quite a few less at the afternoon session. This was rather disappointing as some of the absent Lodges could really benefit from the instruction given by Right Worshipful Brother Tate.

A Board of Installed Masters was opened at 2:00 p.m. by Ekapo Lodge, with Worshipful Brother T. Wilson presiding. Right Worshipful Brother Robt. A. Tate answered several questions and demonstrated several points in the work. This was much enjoyed by all.

The District Meeting was opened at 2:35 p.m. in due form. Right Worshipful Brother J. A. Wilson then introduced the following Grand Lodge officers, namely Most Worshipful, the Grand Master Hector Mackay, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master F. C. Wilson, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary Robt. A. Tate, who were escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

The officers of Ekapo Lodge then exemplified the work in the Master Mason Degree. Connaught Lodge exemplified a Board of Trial of a Visitor. The Grand Secretary took care of the North East Angle.

There was a very interesting discussion on various phases of the work and the Grand Secretary was in good form as usual.

I would like to recommend that all Masons attend District Meetings when-

ever possible and come prepared to ask questions and start discussions. During the intermission between the afternoon and evening session, the Brethren were served a very fine supper by the ladies of the local Chapter of the O.E.S. At the evening session, during the counting of the ballots, the M.W. the Grand Master, on behalf of District No. 9, presented a P.D.D.G.M. Apron to Right Worshipful Brother A. Macrone, retiring D.D.G.M. Worshipful Brother H. Shepherd of Wawota Lodge No. 150 was selected D.D.G.M. for 1948-49. Right Worshipful Brother Robt. A. Tate then delivered a very fine address on "Freemasonry and Youth", which was very thought provoking. A Masonic quiz with twelve Members taking part, was most interesting and instructive, with the Grand Secretary conducting. The Meeting then was favoured with a very stirring address by the M.W. the Grand Master, who chose as his subject "Freemasonry and Citizenship", being a challenge to all Members to make use of their several abilities.

I visited nine of the twelve Lodges in my District officially, and two as a visitor unofficially. Owing to the fact that all roads have been blocked since early in December, and Connaught and Wawota Lodges cannot meet until the roads are passable for cars, I shall not be able to visit these Lodges until after this report goes to the Grand Secretary. The work of all Lodges I visited was well conducted and conforms to the requirements of Grand Lodge. Some Lodges are very busy with Degree work, and all Lodges in District No. 9 have received new Members. I am satisfied, from observation, that Freemasonry is in a healthy condition in District No. 9. Several Lodges in District No. 9 have held "Father and Son" nights and I urged every Lodge I visited to set up "Youth Committees" which most have done, or will do. I consider it to be an honour to be selected as D.D.G.M., and I hope I have been of some small assistance to the Brethren of District No. 9, and Freemasonry in general.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Brethren for selecting me for this high office, and wish for my successor the same warm and hospitable reception I received in the Lodges I visited.

Faternally submitted,

W. J. TOPPINGS, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 10

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 10.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple at Melville, July 3, 1947. As I was unable to attend Right Worshipful Brother Killam kindly consented to carry on. The total attendance was thirty-six.

The Board of Installed Officers was opened at 2:35 p.m. Various parts of the work were exemplified by Right Worshipful Brother Robt. A. Tate.

The District Meeting opened at 2:55 p.m. Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother Hector Mackay, Grand Secretary Right Worshipful Brother Robt. A. Tate and Very Worshipful Brother E. J. Maddex, D.C. were introduced by Right Worshipful Brother Mutchler. They were received in due form and given Grand Honours.

The minutes of the last District Meeting and the report of the D.D.G.M. were adopted as read.

During the presentation of the various parts of the work Right Worshipful

Brother Robt. A. Tate made corrections where work was not performed correctly. The Meeting closed at 5:00 p.m.

The Evening session opened at 7:30 p.m. Very Worshipful Brother E. J. Maddex was selected D.D.G.M. for 1948.

A very instructive address was given by Grand Secretary on "Freemasonry and Youth". A P.D.D.G.M. Apron was presented to Right Worshipful Brother Mutchler by the Most Worshipful Brother Hector Mackay as a gift to him from the Melville Lodge No. 62. There followed an address by Most Worshipful Brother Hector Mackay on the subject "Freemasonry and Citizenship".

The Grand Lodge Officers retired at 9:30 p.m. Right Worshipful Brother T. Luke was elected Secretary of District No. 10, Right Worshipful Brother Mutchler having resigned that office.

It has been a great pleasure for me to visit all the Lodges as the first D.D.G.M. from the Hudson Bay Lodge No. 200. I wish to thank the Brethren of District No. 10 for their assistance on my travels and the Honour of this office. I have visited twelve Lodges and I was given a grand welcome at all of them. The Norquay Lodge was my only problem as they have not been holding regular Meetings and on my visit there, we could not hold a Meeting since the Brethren were not able to attend because of bad roads. I encouraged all Lodges to appoint Youth Committees and attend District Meetings. I also attended a Youth Night at Yorkton on October 20, at which the entertainment was very interesting to both the Youth and the Brethren. A very inspiring address was given by Most Worshipful Brother Hector Mackay, Grand Master.

A keen interest in the work is shown by all the Lodges and progress appears very favourable.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN FOSTER, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 11

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 11.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Swift Current, on July 15th, 1947. The Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother Hector Mackay, and the Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother Robt. A. Tate, being present.

The meeting was preceded at 2:00 p.m. by a Board of I.M. The minutes of the 1946 meeting were read. Right Worshipful Brother Allen MacIntosh gave his report. Parts of the Third Degree were exemplified by the officers of Swift Current Lodge. Examination of a visiting Brother was exemplified by the officers of Cabri Lodge. The Grand Secretary gave an instructive talk on the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, and its purpose.

The evening session was opened at 7:30 p.m. Worshipful Brother L. E. Trew, of Sceptre Lodge, was selected D.D.G.M. for the year 1948-49. A quiz contest was conducted by the Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary then addressed the meeting, his subject being "Freemasonry and Youth". The Grand Master then spoke on "Freemasonry and Citizenship". I am greatly indebted to Right Worshipful Brother A. MacIntosh, who so ably assisted me in arranging it.

During my term of office, I visited all Lodges in District No. 11. I witnessed Degree work at nine of these meetings. In most cases, the work was

well done, Past Masters taking part in some of the work. I was greatly impressed by the Stair lecture given by Right Worshipful Brother F. Martin of Maple Leaf Lodge No. 9. I spent a very pleasant evening with the Brethren of Progressive Lodge No. 141. After discussing several Masonic problems, the Brethren then took part in a debate. During the refreshment period, where it was necessary, I had the officers exemplify the Part of the Third Degree, as was done at the District Meeting. This they readily agreed to. It was suggested by a well-skilled Brother that D.D.G.M.'s making their official visit, should devote more of their time to instruction work.

I impressed on the Brethren the importance of attending the District Meetings, especially the officers. I found the Secretaries had their work well in order and were very obliging. Generally speaking, I found a fine spirit of harmony and brotherhood exists among the Brethren. All Lodges are receiving new Members. With the exception of one Lodge, Masonry is in a very healthy condition in District No. 11. At the time of writing this report, four Lodges have held "Youth" or "Father and Son" nights—Mount Hermon, Cabri, Morse and Cypress. I had the pleasure of attending the former two.

I conducted funeral rites for six Brethren of Cabri Lodge who passed away during my year of office. One of these was held in Moose Jaw, in midwinter. Four carloads of Brethren accompanied me. We were given every assistance by the Brethren of the Moose Jaw Lodges, thus demonstrating a fine Masonic spirit.

And finally, my heartfelt thanks to the Brethren of District No. 11, for selecting me to the office of D.D.G.M. To the M.W., the Grand Master, for his confirming their selection, and to the Grand Secretary for the kindly advice he gave me; to the Brethren of Cabri Lodge No. 119, who accompanied me on my official visits; to my successor W. B. Trew, I wish a pleasant and successful year.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN STEWART, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 12

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 12.

The District Meeting was held in Eston on July 9, 1947, when seventy-four Brethren of the District signed the register, only one Lodge not being represented. The Meeting opened at 2:00 p.m. and all exemplifications during the afternoon were under the direction of the Grand Secretary. The M.W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary gave inspiring addresses, the former speaking on "Freemasonry and Citizenship" while the Grand Secretary spoke on "Freemasonry and Youth".

The District consists of nine Lodges and I visited each Lodge at least once during my term of office. Harmony prevails in all Lodges and the work put on at the time of my official visits was generally of a high standard. I believe that Masonry is in a very healthy condition in this district, as evidenced by the number of applications being received. Apparently great care has been exercised in the selection of new candidates as the majority of them are taking an excellent interest in the degree of work and in the affairs of the Lodge with which they are connected. A further evidence of the satisfactory condition of Masonry is the fact that two of the Lodges in the District are contemplating the erection of temples when conditions will permit.

It might not be out of place to mention here that the amount of insurance carried by some of the Lodges on buildings and furnishings does not appear to have taken into consideration the increased cost of replacement at the present time, and in the event of a fire these Lodges might conceivably suffer considerable loss as a result.

I would like to see all Lodges in District No. 12 hold their Installations in December, as this would make it possible for all officers to have their work well in hand when the time came for the District Deputy to make his official visit in the fall, and it would enable him to make a much more comprehensive report on the work conducted by the Lodge than would be possible before the officers had time to become fully acquainted and at ease in carrying out their duties.

I find that most of the Degree work is put on at emergent Meetings, which I feel is a move in the right direction as it leaves time during the regular Meetings for Masonic Education and Research.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Brethren of District No. 12 for their splendid co-operation and the wonderful hospitality extended to me throughout the entire district, and to thank the Grand Secretary for his assistance and guidance in the performance of my duties. I also wish to thank all the Brethren who accompanied me on my official visits and to pay special tribute to Right Worshipful Brother E. H. Scarlett, who so kindly took over the duties of D.D.G.M. during my illness.

It has been a great privilege and honour to have represented the Grand Master in this District and to have had the opportunity to contribute in some degree to the promotion and advancement of Freemasonry in District No. 12.

May I, in closing, ask for my successor the same hearty co-operation and help that you have extended to me.

Faternally yours,

D. McALISTER, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 13

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 13.

I have visited all the Lodges in District No. 13, once, and find Freemasonry in a healthy condition throughout the District; everywhere I was greeted with Masonic fellowship, and endeavoured to greet each Member personally. I could not arrange my meetings to be present for Degree work at all Lodges. As requested by the Grand Master, the work in the M.M. Degree was exemplified in each Lodge. This was taken step by step with questions and discussion on each point of the work. Much interest was shown and the work well done. "Freemasonry and Youth" was well received at all meetings, a Committee appointed and information forwarded to the Grand Secretary's office. This work was held up during the winter due to blocked roads. I feel sure some start will be made in each Lodge this year.

I strongly stressed the need for well trained officers, and well prepared Candidates, and proposed a Board of Past Masters be formed to co-operate with the officers in their work. I was pleased to note in all Lodges, an eagerness on the part of the junior officers to learn more about their duties.

During 1947, two of District No. 13 Past Grand Lodge officers passed to the Grand Lodge above—Right Worshipful Brother Dickson of Unity Lodge,

and Very Worshipful Brother McGill, of St. Luke's Lodge. Both were given Masonic funeral rites.

The District meeting was held in Wilkie on July 10th with good attendance. Two Lodges were not represented. A Board of Installed Masters was opened at 2:15 p.m. at which the Grand Secretary gave valuable instruction in the work. The District Meeting opened at 2:40 p.m. Most Worshipful Brother Hector Mackay, Grand Master, accompanied by Right Worshipful Brother Tate, Grand Secretary, were introduced by Right Worshipful Brother Bell, of Kilwinning Lodge No. 74, invited to the East, and given the Grand Honours.

The minutes of the last District meeting were read and approved. Right Worshipful Brother Stephens being absent, his report was read by Right Worshipful Brother McIntosh. Work in the M.M. Degree was exemplified by Officers of Landis Lodge No. 115. The remaining time was taken up with discussion on the work. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Evening session opened at 7:35 p.m. Nominations for D.D.G.M. for 1948-49 resulted in the selection of Very Worshipful Brother A. E. Grenkie of Landis Lodge No. 115. Right Worshipful Brother Robt. A. Tate delivered an inspiring and challenging address on "Freemasonry and Youth". This was worth going a long way to hear. Worshipful Brother O. A. Bentley of Kilwinning Lodge gave a short paper on the Chart in the M.M. Degree, followed by a ten minute quiz. This was very instructive.

The Grand Master's address on "Freemasonry and Citizenship" was the highlight of the evening and greatly enjoyed by all present.

I found this a very instructive and inspiring meeting, enjoyed by all present.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the District for selecting me as their D.D.G.M., the Masters and officers for their kind co-operation in the work, and all who assisted in any way, the Grand Master for his guidance, and the Grand Secretary for his kind help at all times.

Fraternally submitted,

D. M. MCINTOSH, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 14

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 14.

The District Meeting was held at Shaunavon on the 14th of July, 1947, with eleven of the fourteen Lodges of the District in attendance. Seventy-four Members were present.

The meeting opened at 2:00 p.m. with Right Worshipful Brother Binkley introducing the M.W. the Grand Master, Hector Mackay, who was accompanied by Right Worshipful Brother Robt. A. Tate, the Grand Secretary. They were received in due form and given Grand Honours. After a few well chosen remarks by the Grand Master, the D.D.G.M. proceeded with the general business on the agenda. This was carried out by Worshipful Brother F. G. Horsey, assisted by other Members of Shaunavon Lodge. The work was favourably commented on by the Grand Secretary.

The reception of the report of the retiring D.D.G.M. was followed by the exemplification of portions of the Third Degree. Certain changes were suggested by the Grand Secretary and the work in general, received favourable recognition.

At this time I would like to recommend that each Brother receive every encouragement to attend these District Meetings, believing them to be real worthwhile schools of instruction.

I have visited all of the Lodges in the District and I found the majority of them to be in a very healthy condition, and all making progress. There are one or two experiencing some difficulties due to conditions beyond their control, but from the spirit of enthusiasm that prevails in these Lodges, I am sure they will be able to weather the storm. I have witnessed Degree work in most of the Lodges and find it very uniform and complying with all of the requirements of Grand Lodge, due, in no small way, to the efforts of Past Masters, and also the Past D.D.G.M. of this District who was a tower of strength in this District, as well as to the individual Lodges.

I am quite enthused over the spirit of Freemasonry that prevails in the various Lodges of the District, and see a very bright future for Freemasonry in the southwestern portion of the Province.

To my successor, Worshipful Brother A. C. Running, of Admiral Lodge, I wish every success during his term of office and offer him any help, either in a working or an advisory capacity, that I can give, whilst he is piloting the District through 1948-49; and to the Brethren of District No. 14, I want to say "thank you" for the privilege of serving you as D.D.G.M., and for the great honour bestowed on me when you selected me for appointment to this high office. I also wish to thank the Grand Master for his confirming your selection and for his courtesy to me, and to the Grand Secretary, for his assistance and kindness during the past year.

Faternally submitted,

HAROLD THOMPSON, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 15

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 15.

The District Meeting, held at Elfros on July 2, 1947, was well attended. Nine of the eleven Lodges of the District were represented. The splendid addresses delivered by Most Worshipful Brother Hector Mackay, Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary, and Right Worshipful Brother Cyril Stackhouse, P.D.D.G.M., together with instructive demonstrations of parts of the work, made the day a happy and memorable one. We will miss our stalwart Right Worshipful Brother Stackhouse, but we all wish him well in his new home in Saskatoon. An analysis of the representation of the Lodges at the District Meeting convinces me that the Meeting should be held in rotation at each Lodge in the District alternating east with west. Elfros, where the Meeting was held, had twenty-two representatives out of fifty-five from the whole district. There were six attending who belonged to Lodges outside of District No. 15.

Seven Lodges have been officially visited to date. The other four will be visited early in May. In the Lodges visited there exists a spirit of optimism and the fraternal relationship of the Brethren is strong. I know that the Lodges which I have still to visit are on a par with those visited.

There has been a net gain in membership of forty-three during 1947. Rose Valley Lodge No. 202 received its charter from our Grand Master on June 30,

1947. Unfortunately, I was unable to be present, but will visit the Lodge on May 6th. Lanigan Lodge held its thirty-fifth birthday party, complete with cake, candles, and many guests. Our Quill Lake and Wynyard Brethren are planning Masonic Temples for their respective Lodges. Many other interesting items and events must be omitted by me.

Mention must be made, however, of our three gold button Members. I was delighted to meet Brother John McChesney (1945) who has been advanced from J.W. to S.W. of Invermay Lodge, also Right Worshipful Brother W. T. Potts (1944) of Wadena, and to find them both well and regular attendants at Lodge. I hope to meet Worshipful Brother Arthur Mack (1939), at Viscount on May 4th. He is the Senior, having been a Mason for fifty-nine years. May all three long continue to be inspiring influences to their younger Brethren.

Several Lodges have managed to hold successful Youth programs, but others have been handicapped by weather conditions. I think that I may safely report that all Lodges in the District are taking an interest in Youth work.

In conclusion, I thank all the Brethren who made it possible for me to be D.D.G.M. and then did so much to make my visits to the various Lodges such very pleasant occasions.

Fraternally yours,

J. M. HANBIDGE, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 16

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 16.

The District meeting was held at Govan on July 7th, 1947, with ten of the eleven Lodges in the District represented. The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Hector Mackay, the Grand Secretary Right Worshipful Brother Robt. A. Tate and Grand Steward Very Worshipful Brother Ben Woods, were present.

Exemplification of the Third Degree was performed by Brethren of Govan Lodge and Board of Trial for a Visitor, by Philathea Lodge. The Grand Secretary made necessary comments and criticisms.

At the evening session, the Grand Master gave a very inspiring address on "Freemasonry and Citizenship" and the Grand Secretary on "Freemasonry and Youth". Very Worshipful Brother Woods gave a paper on "The Symbolism of the Third Degree".

It is my pleasure to report that Freemasonry in District No. 16 is in a sound and thriving condition. Many new Members are being initiated in all Lodges and I was particularly pleased with the excellence of the material selected. All Lodges are in the hands of well-skilled officers, and in good sound financial condition.

Tuscan Lodge No. 81, and Touchwood Lodge No. 51, have built new Temples during the past year and are now happily quartered in their new homes.

During the year I have visited every Lodge in the District with the exception of Union Lodge No. 98, at Kelliher. Owing to the sudden death of a close relative on the date of my intended visit, Right Worshipful Brother Shooter of Touchwood Lodge kindly substituted for me. However, I hope to visit Union Lodge personally, before the end of my term.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Brethren of District No. 16, for the privilege of serving as D.D.G.M., for the past year, and for the splendid hospitality extended to me on my visits throughout the District.

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. RICHARDSON, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 17

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 17.

Immediately following my investiture, I began preparations for the District Meeting held at Conquest, on July 8th, with the Grand Master and Grand Secretary in attendance. The entire programme for the District Meeting was followed very efficiently, due to the co-operation of the Lodges and Brethren with whom previous arrangements had been made, and proved most beneficial and instructive to the Brethren present.

During the evening session, Worshipful Brother Milo Steele of Dinston Lodge No. 131 was selected as D.D.G.M. for the year 1948-49.

While the total attendance was fairly satisfactory, I feel that the percentage of presiding or current officers was much too low, with only six W.M.'s, three Senior Wardens and one Junior Warden attending this very important meeting, held in good weather, with the roads good. The Rulers of the Craft should avail themselves of much Masonic information taught and exemplified at these meetings, to assist them in their offices in their respective Lodges, and I stressed this at my official visits.

I paid one official visit to each of the eleven Lodges in the District and some of them two or three times. Degree work with actual candidates was the order in most of the Lodges, and exemplified in the others, particularly the Third Degree. The work generally was of a high order, being impressive and dignified as well as uniform. I was particularly impressed with the quality of the new candidates, especially in the Lodges which have been at a low ebb, but which, with the new Membership, should be much encouraged.

Early in September I sent a circular letter to each Lodge outlining the desirability of stimulating interlodge visitation and giving a schedule of the proposed official visits, with very satisfactory results. The visitors often outnumbered the local attendance and greatly contributed to the success of the meetings.

"The Youth Movement" which appeared so promising in the fall, has proved disappointing, I believe, due to the early heavy snow, bad roads and late spring, but a followup next year should have good results.

While, on the whole, Freemasonry is thriving in the District, I believe more punctuality in attendance and opening the Lodge would be beneficial, in those Lodges inclined to be tardy. As many arrangements as possible should be made before the opening hour. In some Lodges the Historical Register has been neglected and in every such Lodge the matter was urgently drawn to the attention of the W.M. and Secretary.

I greatly appreciate the honour and opportunity of serving as D.D.G.M. and extend my sincere thanks to the Brethren for their confidence, co-operation and courtesies extended to me during my term, as well as to the Grand Secretary for his valuable suggestions and assistance.

To my successor, Worshipful Brother Milo Steele, I wish a successful year and bespeak for him the same co-operation.

Fraternally submitted,

R. L. MAXFIELD, D.D.G.M.

Selection D.D.G.M.

The M.W. the Grand Master announced that it would be necessary for the representatives of the Lodges in District No. 10, present at this Communication, to meet during the noon recess and select a Brother whom they wished to recommend for appointment as D.D.G.M. of their District.

Report of Committee on Grievances and Appeals

R.W. Bro. W. O. Fraser advised that no cases were referred to the Committee since the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge and therefore there was no report.

Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence

M.W. Bro. W. M. Martin presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which, on motion of M.W. Bros. W. M. Martin and R. Young, was received and together with the reviews of the Proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions, ordered printed in the Proceedings.

M.W. Bro. W. M. Martin presented a report on "Applications for Recognition", which, on motion of M.W. Bros. W. M. Martin and R. Young, was received and adopted, as follows:

An application for recognition has been received from the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Hungary. Masonry was suppressed in Hungary in 1920 and for twenty-five years it was really non-existent although it is stated that some meetings were held in secret. Lodges were dissolved and buildings confiscated by the authorities and used for other purposes. In 1945, however, the ban was lifted and it appears that now the Government has expressed its sympathy towards the organization. Some Lodges have been restored, a Grand Lodge meeting has been held, and there has been growth. Conditions, however, are still uncertain. The United Grand Lodge of England has refused recognition for the present but has expressed its sympathy stating that it looked forward to contact in the future. We recommend that for the present recognition be not granted and that consideration be given the request in the future when further information is available.

Requests for recognition have been received from the Grand Lodge Simbolica de Minas Gerais and the Grand Lodge Rio Grand Do Sul. The former Grand Lodge consists of 14 subordinate Lodges and claims to have been lawfully constituted in 1927 and to conform to the standards for recognition. Your Committee can find no record of its having been recognized by any Grand Lodge in the United States or in the British Commonwealth of Nations and is of the opinion that a decision as to recognition should be delayed until further information is obtained. The Grand Lodge Rio Grand Do Sul has been recognized by the Grand Lodges of the District of Columbia, Louisiana and Kentucky. Information available is not sufficient to warrant action and delay is advised. Masonic conditions at least in some South American countries are unsettled and while there is a tendency in some of the Grand Lodges of the United States to grant recognition without requiring a strict adherence to the proper standards because of the influence which they believe their action will have upon International

Relations, your Committee is of the opinion that recognition should not be extended except in cases where it is clear that the applicant Grand Lodge conforms to the requirements set forth in the Declaration of Principles adopted by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland in 1938.

Your Committee is of the opinion that this is an appropriate occasion for the taking of action to adopt the Declaration of Principles promulgated by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland so that future Committees will have the standards for recognition to guide them when applications from foreign Grand Lodges are received. The Declaration of principles is set out in full in the address of the Grand Master M.W. Bro. S. C. Burton in 1939, and can be found at pages 22 and 23 of the proceedings of that year. M.W. Bro. Burton recommended a study of the Declaration. The Committee on the Address of the Grand Master also recommended a study and the appointment of a committee on the subject. There is no record of the appointment of a Committee and no further action appears to have been taken. We now recommend that the Declaration of Principles adopted by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland be adopted by this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. MARTIN, Chairman

Address

M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, Grand Master of the Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba briefly addressed Grand Lodge. He expressed his pleasure at being able to attend and bring greetings from the Mother Grand Lodge. Brother McDonald emphasized the fact that we were living in a "shrinking world",—not a physical shrinking, but a shrinking as a result of improved methods of transportation. He suggested that this condition made it more necessary than ever before to face and solve the problem of how to live harmoniously with our fellow men. In his opinion, this problem had to be solved without delay, and by the individual.

Report of Committee on Charters

M.W. Bro. J. C. Carter presented the report of the Committee on Charters, which, on motion of M.W. Bros. J. C. Carter and M. Musk, was received, and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Your Committee on Charters beg to report as follows:

Re: ABERDEEN LODGE

A Dispensation was issued January 11th, 1947, and application was made at the last Annual Communication for a Charter. Your Committee at that time recommended that the Dispensation be continued until the next Annual Communication. The Committee have now re-examined the books and records and find them in good order and that the Lodge is functioning in an excellent manner. Your Committee therefore recommend that a Charter be issued to Aberdeen Lodge.

A Dispensation was issued to ARBORFIELD LODGE and the Lodge was instituted March 4th, 1948. Your Committee has examined the Books and Records and find them in good order. The Secretary's Membership Ledger should however show a credit as well as a debit. The credits are shown elsewhere. In spite of the fact that the Lodge has only been instituted a comparatively short time the Records are such that your Committee has no hesitation in recommending that a Charter be issued.

Fraternally submitted,

J. C. CARTER, Chairman

Rosthern Lodge Charter

On motion of M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate and R.W. Bro. M. S. Mooney, it was resolved that the Charter of Rosthern Lodge No. 22, surrendered to Grand Lodge on the amalgamation of Duck Lake and Rosthern Lodges, under the Charter of Duck Lake Lodge, be endorsed and returned to the amalgamated Rosthern-Duck Lake Lodge.

The hour having arrived for adjournment, the Grand Master called the Craft from labour to refreshment.

THE FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labour at 1:30 p.m., M.W. Bro. Hector Mackay, Grand Master, on the Throne; Grand Officers, Members and Representatives present.

Reception Grand Representatives

The Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, assembled in the approaches to Grand Lodge.

The Representatives of the Grand Lodges in the British Commonwealth of Nations were escorted into Grand Lodge and announced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies. W. Bro. Sgt. J. Robinson, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, presented the Union Jack and the Brethren joined in singing "Land of Hope and Glory".

The Representatives of the Grand Lodges in the United States were escorted into Grand Lodge and announced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Sgt. A. H. M. Downey, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, presented the Stars and Stripes and the Brethren joined in singing "God Bless America".

The Representatives of other Grand Lodges were escorted into Grand Lodge and announced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Brethren joined in singing "God Bless Our Native Land".

M.W. Bro. W. M. Martin extended the greetings of all the Grand Lodges represented. He stated that it was a great honour to represent the United Grand Lodge of England together with other Grand Lodges of the freedom loving nations of the world. Brother Martin referred to the fact that the United Grand Lodge of England was the Mother Grand Lodge of Freemasonry and also referred to the dignity with which that Grand Lodge conducted all Ceremonies. He made reference to the great influence that Freemasonry can exert through the medium of its individual Members and referred to the financial aid given by the Grand Lodges in the United States of America to restore and rebuild Freemasonry in the war torn lands of the Continent of Europe.

The Grand Master acknowledged the greetings as follows: Many times it has been said that our world is in a turmoil and we know not where we are heading. This is a warning peculiarly pertinent to the present. The blight of certain subversive groups has struck again and blasted the hopes of our Brethren and of true Democracy in yet another country. We must gird and brace ourselves and prepare to fight against the encroachment of this monster that spreads its devastating propaganda so insidiously. May we be joined in this fight by the Grand Jurisdictions you represent. May we present a united front so that soon, true Brotherhood may triumph over the wrongs of persecution that deny freedom to all. I charge you to send that message, as well as fraternal greetings from this Grand Lodge to the various Grand Jurisdictions which you represent.

Report of Board of Trustees of the Benevolent Fund

M.W. Bro. D. Fraser presented the report of the Board of Trustees of the Benevolent Fund which, on motion of M.W. Bros. D. Fraser and S. J. A. Branion, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F. & A.M.:

Brethren:

On June 19th, 1947, immediately following the close of Grand Lodge the statutory meeting for organization of the Board was held. Officers elected were:

President —M.W. Bro. Douglas Fraser.

Vice-President—M.W. Bro. James McGregor.

Secretary —R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution (pg. 92 rule 3) on the death of M.W. Bro. McGregor the vacancy on the Board was filled pro tempore by the election of R.W. Bro. R. R. McEwen of Kinistino.

On March 31st, 1948, a full meeting of the Board was convened at Regina. M.W. Bro. Robert Young was elected as Vice-President. Grants approved in the interim by the Executive together with those previously approved and in force were reviewed and dealt with individually.

On June 15th, 1948, the full Board again met and after dealing with those applications added since the previous meeting, approved the year's benefactions all as detailed in the return hereto attached. The grants for the ensuing year were also authorized as per list appended hereto.

The Auditor's Report is in the hands of the representatives of all Lodges and we urge careful scrutiny of the details thereof in order that the Brethren generally may know and appreciate the extent of Freemasonry's benefactions in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The following comparisons therefrom are enlightening:

	1947	1948	Increase	Decrease
Initiation fees	\$ 10,930.00	\$ 8,980.00		\$1,950.00
Per capita tax	5,986.20	6,163.00	\$ 176.80	
Interest earnings	19,937.25	20,669.11	727.86	
Capital	444,312.69	463,761.70	19,449.01	
Grants	14,750.95	15,164.50	413.55	
Expense	1,232.45	1,243.60	11.15	
Beneficiaries	81	84	3	

It will be noted that whereas the average interest earning of the entire fund is 4.5% the earning on this year's increase of capital is 3.7%. This is a fair indication of the general trend downwards of interest rates. A review of our portfolio of bonds discloses that a substantial proportion of the securities bearing interest at rates largely in excess of the average earnings are due to mature at an early date. The conclusion is clear therefore that our annual earnings will inevitably shrink materially in the immediate future. On the other hand the greatly increased cost of living makes it obligatory that grants be more generous. The logical conclusion is that in order to reconcile these inequalities individual Brethren and Lodges must be more generous in supporting the fund. This can be done in the following ways:

1. By donations from the Lodges;
2. By Lodges assuming a larger proportion of the grants to their own members or dependents;
3. By donations from individual Brethren;
4. By bequests from Brethren.

Many Brethren can well afford a liberal annual contribution to this worthy cause and could provide in their wills for a gift that would refresh the "memories of their sweet charities". A simple clause "I bequeath to the Benevolent Fund of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M. the sum of \$ _____" in your will is effective to provide a lasting and worthwhile memorial. Incidentally such gifts are free of succession duty.

We commend these considerations to the earnest attention of the Lodges and the Brethren.

By reason of the attitude assumed by one of the Lodges with regard to our handling of an application, the Executive felt constrained to again enunciate the policy and practice of the Board and dictated a letter from which the following excerpt is quoted with the object of bringing forcibly to the attention of all Lodges their duties and responsibilities in this regard:

February 3, 1948.

Re: application.

Your letter of January 25th re the above application has been reported to the Executive of the Board of Trustees and because of certain disturbing statements therein we are writing you further with regard thereto.

Because of the expense which would be involved in frequent full meetings of the Board and in order that all applications may have prompt consideration an executive is authorized to deal temporarily with applications and to report their action to the first full meeting of the Board which then passes finally on the application. This executive is bound to act in accordance with the well defined policy of the Board as laid down in Grand Lodge Constitution and as approved from year to year by Grand Lodge ever since the formation of the Fund. This policy involves among others the following fundamentals:

(a) The *primary* responsibility for Benevolence to a needy Brother of a Lodge or his dependents rests on the Lodge of which he is a Member. The grant by the Board of Benevolence is *supplementary* to the assistance rendered by the Lodge. This principle has no relation to the amount of the grant but is based on recognized Masonic teaching and practice that the Brethren of his Lodge masonically owe him assistance. Their recognition of this duty inspires the confidence of the Board in the worthiness of the claim. Practically every Lodge having Brethren who are beneficiaries of the Grand Lodge Fund recognizes the fairness of this principle and makes a regular monthly grant even though the amount thereof may be comparatively small. Your Lodge with its enviable standing and in these buoyant times would, we respectfully suggest, be well advised to forthwith establish a local Benevolent Fund to enable it to do its full Masonic duty in this direction.

(b) In administering the Fund, when the local Lodge is really not in a financial position to make a grant, the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund does not in any way penalize the Brother on that account but makes as generous a grant as in the opinion of the Trustees the circumstances justify. Your Lodge is well aware from its experience in a former case that the Trustees are not technical or niggardly in this regard. While they believe that the first duty is on the local Brethren they recognize that there is a responsibility on every Brother Mason to whom the lecture in the N.E. Angle is not mere words.

(c) The fund is a trust fund to be administered equally for the benefit of all throughout the Province; to be maintained in bad times and augmented in good times and to which every Initiate makes an initial contribution on entering the Lodge and thereafter an annual payment of dues. We do not agree that credit for the present standing of the Fund is "mainly due to

the efforts of Masons of long standing". It is a fund in perpetuity to which all contribute equally subject to the exigencies of health and length of life.

Reference has already been made to the matter of the application as filed wherein is stated "the Lodge is not in a financial position to contribute". Further reference should be made to the statement that while there are eight adult children, according to the application, no contribution was made by any of them. However, in yours of the 25th ultimo you now state the children have contributed "although we have been unable to ascertain accurately just how much." The Trustees are wholly dependent on the accuracy of the information disclosed in the application to guide them in their decision and we will be glad to have a supplementary statement in this behalf.

If anyone critical of the administration of this Fund will take time to analyze the reports published annually in the Grand Lodge Proceedings he will be satisfied that not "a few dollars" of interest but thousands of dollars have been used regularly each year to meet the need of every deserving case without exception that has been brought to the attention of the Trustees and that in the "depression" years sums in excess of the annual interest for the current year were paid out of reserves carefully accumulated to meet such emergencies.

We wish to assure your Lodge that the Trustees have but one object in view, namely, to administer the fund in accordance with the object and in the manner as defined by the Constitution and, where they have a discretion, to exercise it generously to the end that no worthy brother may be left in need and in the belief that of the virtues Faith, Hope and Charity, the greatest is still Charity.

Fraternally yours,

Incidentally it is a real joy to report that the matter has been closed with complete understanding and accord between the Lodge and the Board. The Lodge has set up its Local Benevolent Fund and is contributing to the maintenance of the Brother while the Board is supplementing the Lodge's grant in the amount which the Lodge requested. This incident demonstrates that our common objective can be attained easily when we take the trouble to become fully informed of the others' point of view.

For the first time in many years no Lodge has made a voluntary contribution to the Fund and but one Brother has so contributed,—viz. Bro. F. H. Stephens of Macklin whose gift of \$35.00 is gratefully acknowledged.

The following amounts have been refunded in connection with grants previously made:

Doric Lodge No. 71	\$60.00
Lodge Progress No. 92	12 50
Togo Lodge No. 130	35.00
Victory Lodge No. 144	20.00

To the many Brethren both local and in other Jurisdictions who have given freely of their time and energy to assist and supplement our labours we tender heartfelt thanks. As in previous years and as a gesture of appreciation for outstanding service in this regard we voted \$50.00 to the Vancouver Masonic Service Bureau. It has come to our attention that the Bureau at Christmas donated more than the amount of our vote to Saskatchewan grantees resident in Vancouver. This is an indication of the splendid spirit which animates that fine organization.

The Board thanks M.W. Bro. Branion, for this year providing the educational material for the "Tracing Board" for Benevolent Fund night.

During the year Freemasonry lost two stalwarts who throughout the years have rendered outstanding service to the work of the Benevolent Fund in this

Jurisdiction, M.W. Bro. N. B. Williams, who answered the sudden summons on October 25th, 1947, as President of the Board, administered its affairs through the ten difficult years of the depression with great skill and deep understanding and sympathy. M.W. Bro. James McGregor, who passed to his great reward on September 28th, 1947, found in the work of the Board an outlet for his generous and sympathetic instincts that was ever a joy to him and a blessing to those in distress. It was in this endeavour peculiarly that he typified the "Ideal Mason". We miss their wise counsels and shall ever cherish their memories in our hearts.

The exercise of "that virtue which may be justly denominated the distinguishing characteristic of a Mason's heart" is being faithfully carried on by your Board to the best of our ability.

May he who gives as well as he who receives be blessed therein.

Faternally submitted,

DOUGLAS FRASER, P.G.M.,

President

During the year ending March 31st, 1948, \$15,242.00 has been paid out from the Fund for assistance, as follows:

No.	Lodge	Beneficiary	Amount
2	Wascana	Mrs. G. H. D.	\$150.00
3	Moose Jaw	Mrs. P. L.	135.00
5	Indian Head	Mrs. E. B.	330.00
5	Indian Head	Mrs. J. L.	390.00
5	Indian Head	Mrs. L. A. J.	27.00
6	Qu'Appelle	Mrs. E. R. D.	120.00
6	Qu'Appelle	Mrs. W. K. W.	90.00
10	Evening Star	Mrs. E. E. E.	240.00
10	Evening Star	Mrs. M. M.	120.00
11	N.W.M.P.	Mrs. R. M.	240.00
12	Yorkton	Mrs. T. B.	180.00
13	Duck Lake	Bro. J. S.	60.00
14	Sintaluta	Bro. W. E. P.	75.00
18	Melfort	Bro. J. A. C.	180.00
19	Battle	Miss E. T.	144.00
23	Britannia	Bro. R. E. S.	216.00
25	Estevan	Bro. G. A. H.	180.00
25	Estevan	Mrs. M. L. M.	240.00
26	Swift Current	Mrs. J. H.	180.00
32	Golden Rule	Mrs. H. L. C.	240.00
33	Davidson	Bro. G. W. Z.	120.00
35	Prince Rupert	Bro. J. Q. B.	60.00
36	Bruce	Mrs. J. B.	216.00
36	Bruce	Mrs. J. L. P.	120.00
48	Grayson	Mrs. G. B.	240.00
49	Assiniboia	Mrs. E. A. M.	240.00
53	Nanatah	Bro. J. K. I.	360.00
53	Nanatah	Bro. D. W.	45.00
60	Imperial	Miss M. M.	120.00
62	Melville	Mrs. C. V. M.	120.00
62	Melville	Bro. J. I.	108.00
69	Carrot River	Mrs. J. B.	420.00
71	Doric	Mrs. M. M.	360.00
71	Doric	Mrs. P. H. W.	240.00
71	Doric	Mrs. E. W.	200.00

No.	Lodge	Beneficiary	Amount
73	Unity.....	Bro. E. P.....	80.00
77	Abernethy.....	Mrs. J. D.....	180.00
80	Connaught.....	Mrs. L. J. S.....	300.00
83	Meridian.....	Mrs. A. C. P.....	90.00
84	Lanigan.....	Mrs. S. E. G.....	300.00
85	Zealandia.....	Bro. J. E. E.....	243.00
92	Lodge Progress.....	Mrs. G. J. L.....	180.00
92	Lodge Progress.....	Bro. P. H.....	180.00
92	Lodge Progress.....	Bro. J. V. A.....	225.00
92	Lodge Progress.....	Bro. F. M. J.....	120.00
95	Evergreen.....	Mrs. J. H.....	240.00
103	Composite.....	Mrs. F. G.....	156.00
104	King Hiram.....	Mrs. F. F.....	252.00
107	Mortlach.....	Mrs. J. C. S.....	180.00
114	Central Butte.....	Mrs. H. W. J.....	270.00
123	Lancer.....	Mrs. H. P.....	108.00
123	Lancer.....	Bro. W. C. M.....	108.00
123	Lancer.....	Mrs. J. M.....	108.00
123	Lancer.....	Mrs. A. M.....	180.00
124	Mount Hermon.....	Mrs. A. J.....	162.00
125	Latomia.....	Mrs. A. B.....	96.00
131	Dinston.....	Bro. W. M.....	360.00
133	Philathea.....	Bro. J. R.....	40.00
136	St. George.....	Mrs. F. J. P.....	360.00
136	St. George.....	Mrs. G. M.....	45.00
138	Kincaid.....	Mrs. R. T. M.....	180.00
139	Riverhurst.....	Bro. W. B. B.....	150.00
141	Progressive.....	Mrs. B. G. F.....	240.00
143	Hawarden.....	Mrs. A. E. B.....	216.00
143	Hawarden.....	Mrs. J. A. W.....	240.00
144	Victory.....	Bro. H. G. H.....	60.00
147	Flstow.....	Bro. J. M.....	144.00
147	Elstow.....	Bro. J. A. L.....	144.00
147	Elstow.....	Mrs. H. R. S.....	36.00
151	Viscount.....	Bro. A. S. M.....	120.00
152	Star City.....	Mrs. F. M.....	180.00
152	Star City.....	Mrs. M.....	360.00
164	Milestone.....	Mrs. D. H.....	240.00
165	St. Luke's.....	Mrs. J. G. H.....	240.00
167	Preeceville.....	Bro. G. E. H.....	360.00
172	Memorial.....	Mrs. W. B.....	120.00
174	St. Andrews.....	Bro. W. L.....	168.00
179	Kelvington.....	Bro. T. H. C.....	336.00
182	Lonach.....	Mrs. L. T.....	144.00
184	Osage.....	Bro. O. M. L.....	315.00
199	Admiral.....	Bro. A. C. K.....	180.00

At a meeting on March 31st, 1948, the reports from the various Lodges in receipt of grants were reviewed and the following grants passed for the year 1948-49:

No.	Lodge	Beneficiary	Amount
2	Wascana.....	Mrs. G. H. D.....	\$150.00
5	Indian Head.....	Mrs. J. L.....	390.00
5	Indian Head.....	Mrs. L. A. J.....	324.00
6	Qu'Appelle.....	Mrs. E. R. D.....	120.00
10	Evening Star.....	Mrs. E. E. E.....	240.00

No.	Lodge	Beneficiary	Amount
10	Evening Star	Mrs. R. M.	240.00
11	N.W.M.P.	Mrs. R. M.	240.00
12	Yorkton	Mrs. T. B.	180.00
18	Melfort	Bro. J. A. C.	60.00
19	Battle	Miss E. T.	144.00
25	Estevan	Mrs. M. L. M.	240.00
25	Estevan	Bro. G. A. H.	180.00
26	Swift Current	Mrs. J. H.	180.00
32	Golden Rule	Mrs. H. L. C.	240.00
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36	Bruce	Mrs. J. B.	216.00
36	Bruce	Mrs. J. L. P.	120.00
48	Grayson	Mrs. L. B.	240.00
49	Assiniboia	Mrs. E. A. M.	240.00
53	Nanatah	Bro. J. K. I.	360.00
53	Nanatah	Bro. D. W.	45.00
60	Imperial	Miss M. M.	480.00
62	Melville	Bro. J. I.	103.00
62	Melville	Mrs. C. V. M.	120.00
69	Carrot River	Mrs. J. B.	420.00
71	Doric	Mrs. D. W.	240.00
71	Doric	Mrs. C. M. W.	75.00
73	Unity	Bro. W. P.	480.00
77	Abernethy	Mrs. M. D.	240.00
80	Connaught	Mrs. L. J. S.	300.00
83	Meridian	Mrs. A. C. P.	360.00
84	Lanigan	Mrs. E. G.	300.00
85	Zealandia	Mrs. J. E. E.	324.00
92	Lodge Progress	Mrs. G. J. L.	180.00
92	Lodge Progress	Bro. P. H.	180.00
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95	Evergreen	Mrs. J. H.	240.00
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104	King Hiram	Mrs. F. F.	252.00
107	Mortlach	Mrs. M. E. S.	240.00
114	Central Butte	Mrs. H. W. J.	270.00
123	Lancer	Mrs. H. P.	108.00
123	Lancer	Bro. W. C. M.	108.00
123	Lancer	Mrs. J. M.	108.00
123	Lancer	Mrs. A. M.	180.00
125	Latonia	Mrs. A. B.	96.00
131	Dinston	Bro. W. M.	360.00
133	Philathea	Bro. J. R.	40.00
136	St. George	Mrs. M. P.	360.00
139	Riverhurst	Bro. W. B. B.	300.00
141	Progressive	Mrs. B. G. F.	240.00
143	Hawarden	Mrs. A. E. B.	228.00
143	Hawarden	Mrs. J. A. W.	240.00
147	Elstow	Bro. J. M.	144.00
147	Elstow	Bro. R. A. L.	144.00
147	Elstow	Mrs. H. R. S.	144.00
151	Viscount	Bro. A. S. M.	120.00
152	Star City	Mrs. F. M.	180.00
152	Star City	Mrs. M.	360.00
164	Milestone	Mrs. D. H.	240.00
165	St. Luke's	Mrs. J. G. H.	240.00

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167	Preeceville	Bro. G. E. H.	360.00
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179	Kelvington	Bro. T. H. C.	336.00
182	Lonach	Mrs. L. T.	144.00
184	Osage	Bro. O. M. L.	420.00
199	Admiral	Bro. A. C. K.	180.00

Report of Committee on Condition of Masonry

R.W. Bro. F. Hedley Auld presented the report of the Committee on Condition of Masonry which, on motion of R.W. Bro. F. Hedley Auld and M.W. Bro. J. Orville Clarke, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

A review of the reports of D.D.G.M's with respect to the condition of Freemasonry in their respective districts and an examination of the annual statistical returns from the Constituent Lodges, enables your Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction to report unhesitatingly that it is good. Consideration of several criteria warrant this conclusion. Our Grand Secretary has reported a substantial increase in Membership. The returns show a continued improvement in finances. Reports of D.D.G.M.s reveal that several Lodges have provided new Temples or have renovated existing Lodge rooms or are planning to do so. All of them comment on the general evidence of fellowship and optimism which characterize the Membership of the Craft in nearly all of the Lodges. The work of the officers exemplified for the D.D.G.M.s on their official visits indicated zeal and efficiency and general conformity with the standards of Grand Lodge. Insofar as these conditions prevail there is cause for great pride and satisfaction.

But there are exceptions. The Representatives of the Grand Master found most of the Lodges either "excellent" or "good" as to conditions and prospects. But they classified ten as only "fair" and four were given a rating of "poor". All of them agree that Membership acquired recently will provide a stimulus to Lodges whose numbers remained stationary during the war and depression years. This, in the opinion of your Committee, is most important, as we believe that without good leadership there can be no progress.

NEW ORGANIZATION:

Since the last Communication of Grand Lodge, by authority then granted, three Lodges then operating under Dispensation were constituted, at Rose Valley, Meadow Lake and Loon Lake. Dispensations have since been granted for a Lodge at Arborfield and at Eaton. Thus development and expansion continues.

REORGANIZATION:

A problem which arises rarely but is occasionally met is that of relating the Lodge more appropriately to its constituent territory. This has been done

in the Rosthern-Duck Lake Lodges by an amalgamation approved by the two Lodges under the name of Rosthern-Duck Lake, with headquarters at Rosthern. It is possible that some similar readjustments elsewhere might be made with beneficial effects.

A somewhat different problem exists in the territory of the Lanigan Lodge where the location of resident Members makes it appear to them to be desirable to hold Lodge Meetings for certain months of the year at Leroy. The D.D.G.M. for the District favours this arrangement. As this seems to be a new problem in this Jurisdiction, your Committee respectfully requests that the Grand Master give consideration to this question and take such action as he may deem appropriate and advisable.

RECORDS:

While it is reported that Lodge records are generally kept in good condition, there are a few cases where conditions are the reverse. Among Lodge records, the Historical Register is the one most often neglected. This may be the case because of the idea that this is a task that may be undertaken at any time. In most Lodges this record is well kept—in others it could be much better than it is. There are also instances on record, though happily they are few in number, of Lodge accounts not having been audited for one or more years. We feel that such an omission is an invitation to trouble. It is no reflection on the integrity or ability of a Secretary to require an annual audit of his books and records, and it is an evidence of neglect of duty on the part of the Master if this common sense business routine is not followed. It is our opinion that D.D.G.M.s should impressively bring to the notice of the Master of the Lodge concerned, every case of neglect of this important duty, and of noting the facts for the guidance of their successors.

The records of one or two Lodges were destroyed by fire. Insurance is very helpful in replacing property losses, but it cannot replace burned records. Their safeguarding should, therefore, be the constant care of Lodge Officers.

DISTRICT MEETINGS AND MASONIC RITUAL:

There seems to be a high degree of efficiency in the use of Masonic ritual throughout the Jurisdiction, although, as might be expected, there are some exceptions. Where these occur, it is probable that there are other defects in the operation of the Lodge. Some of this may be due to the lack of attendance of Lodge Officers at the Masonic District meetings held during July and August. Masters and Wardens who miss the District meeting miss an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the decisions of the Board of Custodians of The Work. Their absence was particularly noticeable at some of last year's meetings. Following is the opinion of one D.D.G.M. regarding this matter. "It is my sincere regret that four Lodges were not represented, and it is my hope that the day will soon come when only a community catastrophe could prevent a Lodge being represented at this 'Every-Master-Mason's' gathering".

These gatherings are primarily schools of instruction which every Master and Warden, and also as many as possible of the Junior Officers of the Lodge, should attend.

LIBRARIES:

Comment has been made regarding the value of the Tracing Board as a means of Masonic Education. It naturally leads the Masonic student to his Lodge library for the more intensive treatment which his study requires. Some D.D.G.M.s report a greater use of Masonic literature, but these unfortunately are the exceptions. In three Lodges the libraries are reported to have been used "extensively" in contrast to many where the use was "casual". It is now becoming easier to get up-to-date books for Masonic libraries and it is our hope

that programs of study will be developed which will lead to the greater use of such library facilities. We feel that the Proceedings of Grand Lodge afford a great deal of important information of Masonic affairs in this and other Grand Jurisdictions, and is being used much less than its importance warrants.

FREEMASONRY AND YOUTH:

Although we expect that there will be a report from the Committee charged with this important subject, we may comment on the fact that reports available to us on Lodge activities indicate a growing interest in Youth, on the part of the Constituent Lodges. It affords an outlet by which Masonic Lodges may find rejuvenation through an expression of interest in the citizens of the future. That an increase in this form of activity may be expected is indicated in the reports of D.D.G.M.s.

MASONIC LODGES COMPARED WITH SERVICE CLUBS:

Of one Lodge, a D.D.G.M. remarked that "This Lodge has a number of young Members who do not feel that the Lodge is active enough. They want it more like a Service Club. They need to have the difference between a Lodge and a Service Club explained by a well-skilled Brother". Many Members of our Craft are Members of Service Clubs. The program of a Service Club does undoubtedly make a strong appeal to business and professional men because of the informal and friendly atmosphere surrounding it, and the apparent difficulty of obtaining a Membership, restricted as it is to certain classifications. But is there any reason why a Service Club should be better able than a Masonic Lodge to provide friendliness and goodfellowship? We know of none.

Do we overawe the Initiate with the importance of modest and correct demeanour within the Lodge, and with the maintenance of a serious deportment at our regular assemblies while overlooking the duty of the blending of social mirth and the mutual interchange of fraternal feelings? Do we ourselves sometimes forget that "The utmost extension of fraternal feeling and affection which can exist between man and man is expected to be displayed amongst the Brethren in a Freemason's Lodge, and that then will be attained the chief point in Freemasonry, namely, to endeavour to be happy ourselves and to communicate that happiness to others?" In the words of Ecclesiastes "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven—a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance." What we get out of Freemasonry, as with a Service Club, is what we put into it. Interlodge meetings, Ladies' nights, Youth nights, the after-Lodge social hours—all these afford opportunities for the exercise of imagination, initiative and the development of occasions when the atmosphere of a Masonic group should surpass that of any Service Club. In its true sense, "amusement" means merely the occasional turning away from serious things for the purpose of relaxation and recreation in order to resume the tasks of the day. Freemasonry has an important serious business in building in its Members temples of human personality upon the sound foundation of Masonic truth.

ARREARAGE OF DUES:

The "District Summary 1947" which follows, indicates that material progress has been made during the past year:

DISTRICT SUMMARY, 1947

Dist. No.	Lodges	Cash	Unpaid Dues	Owing by	Total Assets	Total Liabilities	Net Surplus
1	14	\$ 10,925.22	\$ 2,104.00	143	\$ 63,164.80	\$ 7,144.50	\$ 56,020.30
2	14	12,208.06	2,593.60	240	106,344.90	8,110.17	98,234.73
3	15	7,091.34	1,823.13	168	122,673.40	2,711.97	119,961.43
4	9	3,093.00	1,281.98	109	31,161.14	220.00	30,941.14
5	15	13,867.68	2,596.13	244	62,893.02	3,821.64	59,071.38
6	11	4,086.02	678.50	72	37,527.39	967.58	36,559.81
7	13	6,093.02	927.75	87	42,163.83	4,159.65	38,004.18
8	10	6,174.02	1,344.00	140	10,533.02	347.00	10,186.02
9	12	3,324.24	415.00	54	20,132.09	1,837.08	18,295.01
10	12	4,584.29	1,141.00	84	42,865.50	2,138.09	40,727.41
11	11	5,337.55	1,338.05	81	47,811.05	1,310.22	46,500.83
12	9	4,308.29	860.40	74	48,674.06	3,327.00	45,347.06
13	12	4,635.53	833.50	136	43,434.94	749.55	42,685.39
14	14	5,778.30	1,502.40	140	38,356.49	1,162.48	37,194.01
15	11	4,259.38	530.60	56	29,962.98	248.32	29,714.66
16	11	3,031.68	979.54	84	44,669.16	6,316.20	38,352.96
17	11	2,722.24	494.30	46	27,788.29	553.87	27,234.42
	204	\$101,519.86	\$21,443.78	2012	\$820,156.06	\$45,125.32	\$775,030.74
1946 Figures		\$ 92,278.86	\$23,202.09	1962	\$774,158.12	\$35,050.99	
Increase		\$ 9,241.00			\$ 45,997.94	\$10,074.34	
Decrease			\$ 1,758.31	50			

A financial summary of the Districts, however, leads one some distance away from the Secretaries of our Lodges, of whom there are now 204, and obscures the great importance of their day-to-day activities on behalf of their respective Lodges.

Behind an efficient Lodge is an efficient Secretary in addition to whatever other efficient officers the Lodge may have. An examination of the records for several years shows that about thirty-five Lodges have been mentioned more or less continuously in the annual review of this Committee, either as having no arrears of dues or in having not more than one or at the most, two, Members in arrears for Lodge dues. To get a long range view rather than an annual picture of the situation in this respect, a summary has been compiled, of Lodges which have been in that position of honour for several years. To evaluate their position in relation to each other in respect of this one measurement of Lodge efficiency, credits have been allowed for the past four years on the basis of three points for each year when the dues were collected in full; two points when only one Member was in arrears; and one point when only two were in arrears. The following is the score of the leading Lodges, listed alphabetically:

Name	No.	Dist.	Score	Name	No.	Dist.	Score
Amity	15	8	11	Mazenod	193	3	12
Alameda	27	8	9	Ogema	120	6	7
Avonlea	156	3	1	Paragon	118	13	2
Asquith	146	5	7	Preeceville	167	10	4
Chaplin	197	3	2	Quill Lake	169	15	6
Colfax	198	6	4	Raymore	155	16	9
Conquest	132	17	2	Riverhurst	139	17	4
Dinston	131	17	9	Rosthern	22	1	8
Dunblane	148	17	3	Saltcoats	162	10	12
Elfros	145	15	3	Sovereign	192	17	9
Golden Rule	32	2	6	Strasbourg	46	16	4
Hawarden	143	17	6	Togo	130	10	6
Lang	34	6	4	Touchwood	51	16	4
Lonach	182	7	3	Vanguard	194	14	1
Lucky Lake	187	17	9	Wawota	150	9	3
Lacadena	196	12	5	Welwyn	161	9	4
Macrorie	191	17	5	Wynyard	66	15	8
Maple Leaf	9	11	5	York	157	10	8
Mount Hermon	124	11	12				

(On the basis of a record of the past six years, the scores of Mazenod, Saltcoats, Sovereign, Asquith and Wynyard would be 18-18-14-12-11 respectively.)

Another interesting picture is revealed when the scores of these several Lodges are grouped by Masonic Districts, showing the score of each Lodge within the District and the District total:

District No.	The several Lodge scores for Lodges within the district.	Total
1	8	8
2	6	6
3	1-2-12	15
4		
5	7	7
6	4-4-7	15
7	3	3
8	11-9	20
9	4-3	7
10	4-12-6-8	30
11	6-12	18
12	5	5

District No.	The several Lodge scores far Lodges within the district.	
13	2	2
14	1	1
15	3-6-8	17
16	9-4-4	17
17	2-9-3-6-9-5-4-9	47

PROPOSED COMPETITION:

Your Committee has given some thought regarding the feasibility of a Lodge competition to be conducted annually within this Grand Jurisdiction on a basis which would permit of several criteria being introduced to measure Lodge efficiency instead of only one or two. It may be admitted at the outset that such a plan would not be free from difficulties. We feel, nevertheless, that such a proposal has advantages which warrant full consideration being given to it. Your Committee therefore has decided to submit the following outline for the consideration of Lodge officials and D.D.G.M.s particularly, with the hope that if it finds merit in their sight, funds will be provided at some future Communication to make available a suitable challenge trophy to be awarded annually and presented at the regular Communication of Grand Lodge to the custody of the Lodge whose general record of achievement in the previous year is deemed to be most worthy. Besides the challenge trophy, we would like to see one or more of the high scoring Lodges given a prize of Masonic books for their library, the value to be determined in the future.

Following is the suggested outline of the plan:

	Maximum Points
1. Lodge Activities.	
(a) Average attendance of resident Lodge Members at regular meetings for twelve months	50
(b) Lodge Library—to be scored on its availability, quality and adequacy for the Lodge concerned	50
(c) Lodge Records:	
1. Minute books, suitability, completeness and neatness	25
2. Historical Register, suitability, completeness and neatness	50
3. Returns to Grand Lodge, promptness and accuracy	25
4. Auditor's report, promptness, regularity and accuracy	25
(d) Collection of annual dues, (deduct 2 pts. for each \$25.00 in arrears)	100
(e) Youth Committee activities. Annual banquet and report thereof	50
2. Inter-Lodge Activities.	
(a) Lodges visited during the year, based on the % of resident Members in the visiting party. (Half of score for visit and remainder for size of visiting party).	50
(b) Representation of Lodge at	
1. District Meeting (Five points for representation and fifteen each for Master and each Warden)	50
2. Grand Lodge (Ten points for representation and five each for Master and each Warden)	
In each case add bonus points for distance—one for ten miles, nearest route from Lodge H.Q. to meeting place, and multiply by attendance of Master and Wardens	25
Since high attendance records and the complete collection of dues are attended with greater difficulties in the larger Lodges, it is suggested that bonus points be given on the basis of two points for each 25 Members or fraction thereof over a basic fifty.	

It is possible of course, that several Lodges might be equally entitled to the honour of the top award and that other conditions might be necessary in order to single out one Lodge as the winner. It would, however, seem desirable not to include other conditions that would add complexity without first giving it a trial. Perhaps a District award could also be considered. Your Committee recommends that the incoming Committee on the Condition of Masonry make a definite recommendation on this matter for the consideration of Grand Lodge at its 43rd Communication.

We have not quoted extensively from the reports of D.D.G.M.s when they referred primarily and in a complimentary manner to the Lodges and their officers; but there are some which we think should be presented for general consideration. One D.D.G.M. made the following recommendation:

"That new Members be advanced to the Wardens' Chairs only after they have shown by work in the Junior Offices that they are suitable for advancement."

It has been observed that in a few Lodges, newly made Masons have been elected to the Wardens' Chairs without the experience of having served in Junior positions. Such rapid advancement imposes heavy responsibilities on the Officers concerned and may involve risk, unless the individuals concerned are exceptionally able to master the detail of their duties and unusually diligent in their study of the principles upon which Freemasonry rests.

Your Committee has observed also that in a few instances Lodges have continued to utilize the services of Brethren who are veterans in our Order, some of them having reached or neared their fourscore years. It is a worthy tribute to them that they should be so selected to contribute of their rich experience to the development of the Lodge. Due consideration should always be given, however, to the available material in the Lodge in order to train as many as possible in the duties of the Master's Chair and thus provide the maximum number of skilled Craftsmen within the Membership of the Lodge. Since an Institution is but the lengthened shadow of a man or group of men, it is of the utmost importance that they be wisely chosen for leadership.

Another comment of a D.D.G.M. is that "nearly all of the Lodges are occupied with the reception of Candidates and conferring of Degrees—all are busy, I could wish that more time were taken for the enlargement of Masonic knowledge and skills and for the pleasure of intervisitation". Surely this comment requires no elaboration. It really underscores the importance of the Master's work in planning meetings, in carrying them through in good time and in blending the programme in a manner that is pleasing and attractive without overlooking the essentials.

OBITUARY:

This Committee suffered a great loss in the death of M.W. Bro. N. B. Williams. He was for several years Chairman of this Committee and as a member thereof could always be relied upon to make an important contribution to its annual review. We mourn his loss.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:

Our perusal of the reports of D.D.G.M.s has impressed us very favourably with their zeal and the fine contribution they have made to Freemasonry in their respective districts. We, therefore, recommend, with the concurrence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master—that the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred on each of the following who served the office of District Deputy Grand Master during the past years:

R.W. Bro. H. V. Goldfinch	District No. 1
R.W. Bro. A. P. MacLean	District No. 2
R.W. Bro. H. A. Cathro	District No. 3
R.W. Bro. Thomas Hesketh	District No. 4

R.W. Bro. C. A. Moir	District No. 5
R.W. Bro. R. F. Swinton	District No. 6
R.W. Bro. F. L. Stephens	District No. 7
R.W. Bro. W. E. Fern	District No. 8
R.W. Bro. W. J. Toppings	District No. 9
R.W. Bro. John Foster	District No. 10
R.W. Bro. John Stewart	District No. 11
R.W. Bro. Donald McAlister	District No. 12
R.W. Bro. D. M. McIntosh	District No. 13
R.W. Bro. Harold Thompson	District No. 14
R.W. Bro. J. M. Hanbidge	District No. 15
R.W. Bro. W. A. Richardson	District No. 16
R.W. Bro. Roy L. Maxfield	District No. 17

Fraternally submitted,

F. HEDLEY AULD, Chairman

Address

M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, in addressing Grand Lodge said it gave him the greatest happiness and satisfaction to attend the Forty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. He spoke of the happy experiences the Mother Grand Lodge was having in the campaign for food parcels to be sent to Great Britain. Up to the present more than \$26,000.00 in food parcels had been forwarded. They were sending 300 a month—200 went to England and 100 to Scotland. The Brethren were more than repaid by the millions in dividends of goodwill. Tributes were being received from all classes who were still revealing that spirit which Hitler could not understand and which Hitler could not break.

Report of Committee on Finance

M.W. Bro. F. C. Hayes submitted the report of the Committee on Finance, which, on motion of M.W. Bro. F. C. Hayes and R.W. Bro. F. Hedley Auld, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

We submit our report for the Financial year ended March 31st, 1948.

The Auditor's report that the records of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary are in order and your committee, after examination of these reports, recommend the same for adoption by Grand Lodge.

The Regina Masonic Temple Company states that owing to the substantial increase in operating costs and considering the rental paid by other tenants, an increase in rent of \$15.00 per month by Grand Lodge would be fair and equitable. Our present lease has three years to run from April 1st, 1948 at a rental of \$115.00 per month. This committee is of the opinion that under present circumstances, apart from our lease, a rental of \$130.00 per month would be reasonable. We recommend the granting of the requested increase and that a new lease be entered into for five years from April 1st, 1948.

Pursuant to the motion referred to on Page 70 of 1947 Proceedings, we recommend that the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) be transferred from General Fund and placed in a fund to be called "Grand Lodge Office Building Fund", and that consideration of additions to the fund be given annually by the Finance Committee.

Attached are the statements showing estimated and actual receipts for 1947 and suggested expenditures for 1948 and to March 31st, 1949. It should be noted that it was possible during the year to add a thousand dollar bond to those already held by the General Fund, the investment in that Fund at the present time totals \$23,659.00.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED C. HAYES, Chairman

RECEIPTS

	1947 Estimated	1947 Actual	1948 Estimated
Membership Fees	\$10,500.00	\$11,148.20	\$11,100.00
Initiation Fees	4,200.00	3,588.00	3,550.00
Affiliation Fees	150.00	238.00	200.00
Commuted Life Membership Fees	800.00	887.20	850.00
Past Master and Other Certificates	250.00	264.00	250.00
Dispensations	400.00	329.00	350.00
Sale of Supplies	1,000.00	1,002.60	1,000.00
Interest on Bonds	957.08	1,002.94	1,000.00
Benevolent Fund Grant	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Charter Fees		105.00	35.00
	<u>\$19,257.08</u>	<u>\$19,564.94</u>	<u>\$19,335.00</u>

EXPENDITURES

	1947 Estimated	1947 Actual	1948 Estimated
Salaries and Honoraria:			
Grand Secretary	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,900.00
Grand Treasurer	200.00	200.00	200.00
Grand Tyler	15.00	15.00	15.00
Office Assistance:			
Senior	1,320.00	1,190.00	1,440.00
Junior	1,020.00	1,080.00	1,080.00
Stenographer, Grand Lodge	10.00		
Auditor	250.00	250.00	250.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence	200.00	200.00	200.00
	<u>\$ 6,615.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,535.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,085.00</u>
Honourary Grand Secretary Retiring Allowance	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Travelling Expenses:			
D.D.G.M.'s	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,071.25	\$ 1,000.00
Grand Master	750.00	931.57	800.00
Grand Secretary	750.00	743.53	800.00
Board of General Purposes	600.00	528.62	600.00
General Travelling Expenses	500.00	601.66	500.00
Conference of Western Grand Lodges	300.00	284.10	300.00
	<u>\$ 3,900.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,160.73</u>	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>

	1947 Estimated	1947 Actual	1948 Estimated
Miscellaneous:			
Office Rental	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 1,560.00
Unemployment Insurance	50.00	33.95	50.00
Printing Proceedings	750.00	967.63	1,000.00
Stationery & Supplies	725.00	773.90	750.00
Safety Deposit Box	5.00	7.19	8.00
Postage & Excise	750.00	723.42	750.00
Post Office Box Rental	8.00		8.00
Relief	200.00		200.00
Superannuation, Grand Secretary	561.60	561.60	561.60
Grand Master's Regalia	250.00	248.40	300.00
General Expense	500.00	685.77	600.00
Grand Lodge Expense	400.00	460.71	500.00
Regalia & Office Equipment		861.78	
Bond Purchase		1,027.50	
	<u>\$ 5,579.60</u>	<u>\$ 7,731.85</u>	<u>\$ 6,287.60</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$ 6,615.00	\$ 6,475.00	\$ 7,085.00
	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
	3,900.00	4,160.73	4,000.00
	<u>5,579.60</u>	<u>7,731.85</u>	<u>6,287.60</u>
	<u>\$17,294.60</u>	<u>\$19,567.58</u>	<u>\$18,572.60</u>
Cash on Hand and In Bank at Beginning of Year		\$ 6,795.42	
Cash on Hand and In Bank at End of Year		\$ 6,617.78	
Cash Decrease		\$ 177.64	
Estimated Receipts			\$19,335.00
Estimated Expenditures		\$18,572.60	
Reserve for Office Equipment and Regalia		600.00	
		<u></u>	\$19,172.60
Estimated Surplus on Year's Operations			\$ 162.40

Report of Committee on Masonic Relief and Charity

R.W. Bro. A. S. Pipes presented the report of the Committee on Masonic Relief and Charity, which on motion of R.W. Bro. A. S. Pipes and M.W. Bro. Mark Musk, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

During the financial year ending March 31st, 1948, your Committee on Masonic Relief and Charity did not receive any requests for assistance nor were any grants made.

Since that date two cases have been reviewed and grants made.

Fraternally submitted,

A. S. PIPES, Chairman

Report of Committee on Library

M.W. Bro. W. J. Smith presented the report of the Committee on Library, which, on motion of M.W. Bros. W. J. Smith and W. B. Tate, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Your Committee on Grand Lodge Library beg leave to report that we have inspected the Grand Lodge Library and find the same in as good condition as the space available for its housing and care will permit.

As reported at the last Communication of Grand Lodge, the bookcases, equipment and space are inadequate to accommodate the Grand Lodge reports, books, historical records, jewels, etc., which are presently in possession of Grand Lodge, without reference to such records as annually come to the office.

The securing of a circulating library and adequate reference books, such as have been previously recommended, cannot, in the opinion of your Committee be undertaken until such time as suitable and ample space becomes available. This is said with a full realization of the desirability of a circulating library.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. SMITH, Chairman

Report of Committee on Masonic History

R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, on behalf of W. Bro. E. H. M. Knowles, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic History, which, on motion of R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate and V.W. Bro. E. C. Bird, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

For some years this Committee has placed emphasis upon the accumulation of historical information concerning the Constituent Lodges and placing it in acceptable form for record purposes. In many cases this has been done and it has proven a matter of great interest, especially to those who have more recently become Members of the Craft. There are still many Lodges, however, which have yet to complete this work. For example, one Lodge, with a very interesting historical background, has had the matter under consideration for some years, and intimated at the beginning of this year that it would be done this summer, while one of its few Charter Members was still with them. Two months later, this Charter Member passed on, leaving much of the history of that particular Lodge to conjecture, and many interesting details lost completely. This is happening too often and a great deal of information which would be inspiring to Members in years to come and a pride to existing Members, is lost with the passing of those who laid the foundations and who laboured so earnestly to build the structure.

Your Committee can only express the hope that careful attention be given to this very necessary work.

Fraternally submitted,

E. H. M. KNOWLES, Chairman

Report of Committee on Printing and Supplies

V.W. Bro. E. C. Bird presented the report of the Committee on Printing and Supplies, which, on motion of V.W. Bro. E. C. Bird and R.W. Bro. A. S. Pipes, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

First of all your Committee wish to express their deep regret on the passing of one of their number in the person of M.W. Bro. James McGregor. A great Mason and a great friend has gone from among us, and we pay tribute to the work he did on this, and all other Grand Lodge Committees of which he was a Member. His place will be hard to fill.

All Printing and Supplies necessary for Grand Lodge Office have been procured.

During the year your Committee authorized the purchase of Addressograph equipment. When this is received, we feel same will add to the efficient operation of Grand Lodge Office.

Regalia for the Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary and Grand Chaplain was purchased during the year to replace that which had been in continuous service for so many years. The suits for the Grand Junior Warden and Grand Secretary were authorized previously but not acquired until this year.

Tenders for the printing of the Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1948 were called from various Companies. Two tenders only were submitted to the Office, one of which was withdrawn. Your Committee therefore awarded the contract to the remaining Company, and would point out that there has been a progressive increase in the cost of printing the Proceedings, and of Supplies, generally, due to rising costs, with the result that we exceeded our Budget by a small amount.

The Finance Committee have made an appropriation of \$600.00 for Office Equipment and Regalia replacements during the current year.

Fraternally submitted,

E. CULLUM BIRD, Chairman

Report of Committee on the Tracing Board

Bro. George E. Robins (Editor) presented the report of the Editorial Committee of "The Tracing Board", which, on motion of M.W. Bro. D. Fraser and R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

The Editorial Committee of the Tracing Board begs to submit its sixth Annual Report. By now the bulletin has become a regular institution within the Grand Jurisdiction and does not have to push its claim for recognition among the various Lodges. This is gratifying to your Committee as proof that it is a helpful means of bringing the factual realities and ideal concepts of Freemasonry to the Membership.

We are glad to know that its influence is both intensive and extensive. While we are not so blindly optimistic as to claim that every Member of every Lodge is a student of Freemasonry, yet we have much evidence that in all Lodges

there are some individuals who are earnestly seeking Masonic light. From these Members we receive encouragement as they inform us of the help they get from the varied contents of the Tracing Board.

From time to time we get word of the way the publication is used in Lodges, as a means of providing assistance in talks and discussions, and the relaying of information of the Craft's doings in wider circles. Through the District meetings its influence is extended as various officers reveal their indebtedness to it and urge a faithful study of the monthly messenger. The larger circle of the Grand Lodge reports on its usefulness.

Perhaps the most satisfying reward of the Committee's efforts is the knowledge that it is of vital service to the young men who are joining the Craft, to whom we look for future leadership. They are ready to learn and eager to know.

The Tracing Board is a link between the activities of the Lodges and the Grand Jurisdiction; it is a link between the recital of the Ritual and the interpretation of its teaching. We feel sure that through the medium of the Tracing Board both older and younger Brethren are being led to discover how wide and rich is Freemasonry in the field of service and in the opportunity for research and exploration in the universe of the Great Architect.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE E. ROBINS, Editor

Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address and Jurisprudence

M.W. Bro. S. J. A. Branion presented the report of the Committee on Grand Master's Address and Jurisprudence, which, on motion of M.W. Bros. S. J. A. Branion and C. P. Moore, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Your Committee on Grand Master's Address and Jurisprudence presents the following report for your consideration.

We congratulate our Grand Master upon conclusion of a year's work in which Lodges have added many names to their respective Membership rolls.

The Grand Master's emphasis upon the value of District Meetings is well placed. The Meetings are very effective schools of instruction and we believe that plans for their conduct in recent years have been well laid. The suggestion that many more Master Masons should attend is good. Your Committee believes that the greatest increase in value of District Meetings would accrue from attendance of all the senior officers of every Lodge and a goodly number of those who are not officers. It is not well that too great a proportion of those attending District Meetings should be Past Masters.

The Grand Master very properly refers to the importance of careful selection of District Deputy Grand Masters and to the extent to which the success of District Meetings depends upon them. Your Committee wishes to say a word of commendation of and pay a tribute to many District Deputy Grand Masters who, at much cost of time and effort to themselves, have made an important contribution to the welfare of Masonry in their respective Districts. May their successors this year and in years to follow be conscious of the responsibility to which the Grand Master refers and be earnest followers of the best among those who preceded them in that office of honour as personal representatives of the Grand Master himself.

Our Grand Master was fortunate in being able during his year to institute three new Lodges at Rose Valley, Meadow Lake and Loon Lake and to issue Dispensations for two other Lodges at Arborfield and Eaton. These new Lodges are a reflection of the large and general increase in the total Membership of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction.

We are pleased to note that our Grand Master was able to attend sessions of our sister Grand Lodges in Manitoba and in Alberta. It is well that we maintain close fraternal relations with these Grand Lodges whose problems and achievements are so much like our own. We note also reference to our Grand Master's visit to the Grand Lodge of Montana, which although lying on the other side of an international line has always been closely associated with this Grand Lodge to the great benefit of both. We congratulate our Grand Master upon his Honorary Membership in these three Grand Lodges.

The Conference of Western Canadian Grand Lodges at Banff will be the subject of report by the Deputy Grand Master. We note with interest and gratification that this conference has been so successful and has attracted much attention in neighboring Grand Lodges in United States of America and in Eastern Canada.

We note that for the first time in the Masonic history of Saskatchewan two Lodges have been amalgamated. On January 14 of this year Duck Lake and Rosthern Lodges became one, under their joint names and with the number of the former Duck Lake Lodge which was formed in 1899. The amalgamation of two Lodges may seem like a backward step, but when local conditions make the work of one or both very difficult then union is the apparent remedy. May the new united Lodge be able to carry forward the history and tradition of both its parts to the great benefit of its own Members and the honour of the Craft.

We note with particular interest and approval that Most Worshipful Brother Seeley was commissioned to represent our Grand Master at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario and also at a meeting of St. George Lodge in Toronto to present to Most Worshipful Brother R. B. Dargavel our Certificate of his rank as Honorary Past Grand Master in the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Our Grand Master dwells upon the work which our Lodges are doing under the style of "Freemasonry and Youth." This work is still new or untried in substantial parts of our jurisdiction. We commend its study to those Lodges which have not yet tried it.

Faternally submitted,

S. J. A. BRANION, Chairman

Report of Committee on Freemasonry and Youth

R.W. Bro. R. R. McEwan presented the report of the Committee on Freemasonry and Youth, which, on motion of R.W. Bros. R. R. McEwan and Robt. A. Tate, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

The Committee on Freemasonry and Youth met in Regina in September, 1947, to discuss and draw up some definite plans, and a programme that would be of credit to our Craft, and of interest and benefit to the Youth of our Province. It was agreed that our first efforts should be the promotion of the Youth Night, or Father and Son Banquets.

To assist the Lodges undertaking such work, our Committee prepared a suggested Programme to be used as a guide. This material was sent out to the D.D.G.M.s in each of our seventeen Districts so that each might acquaint himself with the Programme and then pass the information along to his Lodges.

The Committee men were each assigned particular Districts to work in, and it was recommended that they contact personally the D.D.G.M. and the Lodges in those Districts. These men have done much to lay groundwork for future activities.

An article was prepared each month on the subject of our Youth Movement, by one of the Committee Members. These articles were published in the Tracing Board, regularly, with the idea of keeping fellow Masons ever mindful of our work.

Reports indicate that many successful Youth functions were held. The large attendances were most gratifying, and we feel convinced that Freemasonry has an opportunity here to contact Youth and to exemplify the high ideals of our Craft.

Fraternally submitted,

R. R. McEwan, Chairman

Address

R.W. Bro. Henry O. Morgan, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana, in addressing Grand Lodge, said he had been commissioned by M.W. Bro. Holt, the Grand Master, to bring greetings. He appreciated the fraternal fellowship he was enjoying with the Brethren of Saskatchewan. It was the first time he had visited the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. He congratulated the Grand Master for the dispatch with which the business was done and for the efficient reports of Committees. He was impressed by the emphasis placed on Youth work. He commended the presentation of the two Flags. The Stars and Stripes Flag had been presented by Montana to Saskatchewan. They had 136 Chartered Lodges in Montana, with 22,000 Members. The Masonic Home was their greatest benevolent effort, in which \$500,000.00 was invested, \$250,000.00 in trust funds, and the rest in the home, farm and equipment. At present there was a campaign under way to raise \$20,000.00 to redecorate the home. He remarked on the fine relationship which existed between the two countries, and how easily he had been able to cross the boundary. Brotherly love was practiced between both Lodges and Countries. He thanked the Members of Grand Lodge for the courtesies extended to Mrs. Morgan and himself.

Honorary Memberships Conferred

On motion of M.W. Bros. Douglas Fraser and Mark Musk, it was unanimously resolved that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Constitution, "In recognition of eminence, ability and service rendered", there be conferred on the following Brethren the rank and distinction, respectively as follows: M.W. Bro. Fred I. Mills, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Illinois; M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Manitoba; M.W. Bro. Dr. Peter T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Manitoba; and M.W. Bro. Dr. William A. Henry, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Alberta, Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan; and on R.W. Bro. Henry O. Morgan, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana, Honorary Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Report of Board of Custodians

M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate presented the report of the Board of Custodians, which, on motion of M.W. Bros. W. B. Tate and Douglas Fraser, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

The Custodians of The Work beg to submit the following report:

No revision of the ritual or ceremonies has been undertaken during the year.

A meeting of the Board was held on Tuesday, June 15th, 1948, at which meeting certain suggestions from Constituent Lodges were discussed and the following action taken thereon:

1. That in the opinion of the Board of Custodians of The Work the resolution of Battle Lodge No. 19 respecting the publication of parts of the ritualistic work cannot properly be considered by this Board but if it could be properly considered, then this Board does not approve of the action proposed by the resolution.
2. Re: the suggestion of the Past Masters' Association of Prince Albert that the Junior Officers be required to state their own duties in the opening ceremonies. The Board appreciates the suggestion but owing to lack of time for mature consideration have decided to lay the matter over for further consideration at a subsequent meeting of the Board.
3. Re: the suggestion of Kinistino Lodge No. 1 that it be permissible to take Candidates collectively in the M.M. Degree up to the point where the W.M. requests the assistance of the Wardens. The Board is of the opinion that they are not at liberty to deal with this suggestion as it is covered by approved ruling No. 26, which is, by virtue of Section 212, a provision of the Constitution and, as such, can be changed only by compliance with Section 28 thereof.

Fraternally submitted,

W. B. TATE, Chairman

Report of the Seventh Annual Conference of Officers of the Four Western Grand Lodges

R.W. Bro. Fred C. Wilson submitted the following report, which, on motion of R.W. Bro. Fred C. Wilson and M.W. Bro. F. C. Hayes, was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

The Seventh Annual Conference of the Four Western Grand Lodges was held at Banff, Alberta, on September 4th, 5th and 6th, 1947, all sessions of the Conference being held in the Cascade Lodge Room through the courtesy of the Worshipful Master and Members of Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff.

The total attendance was 36, of which number, 23 were representatives of the Four Western Grand Lodges and 13 were distinguished guests from other Grand Jurisdictions. The Grand Lodge of British Columbia was represented by 6 members, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba by 3 members, the Grand Lodge

of Alberta by 9 members and the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan by 5 members, including the M.W. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. L. Clink, the Grand Secretary and Brother George Robins, Editor of the Tracing Board.

The distinguished guests included the Grand Master and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Illinois; the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Oregon; the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Idaho; the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana; the Grand Master and a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming; the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota; and the Deputy Grand Master, a Past Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

The Conference was under the Presidency of M.W. Bro. K. K. Reid, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and was called to order at 8:15 p.m. on Thursday, September 4th, when the President and the Secretary of the Conference presented their respective reports and M.W. Brother George Moore, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, submitted a comprehensive report of the All-Canada Grand Jurisdictions' Meeting held on February 24, 1947, at Montebello, Quebec. Considerable discussion followed the report of Brother Moore and it was subsequently resolved "that this Conference of the Four Western Canadian Jurisdictions endorse the All-Canadian Conference and commend it to the Four Western Canadian Grand Lodges and further that the present yearly Conference Meeting at Banff be continued." It will be recalled that M.W. Brother Fred C. Hayes gave a complete report on the All-Canadian Conference to this Grand Lodge at our last Communication at which time the report was received, ordered printed in the Proceedings and placed, for discussion, on the agenda for the 1948 Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

The Conference resumed deliberations at 9:15 a.m. on September 5th, continuing throughout that day and until the afternoon of the 6th of September. Here follows a list of the papers submitted during these two days with the Brother in each case presenting the same:

"The Dignity of Conferring our Degrees", by M.W. Brother Hector Mackay, Grand Master of Saskatchewan;

"The Refreshment Period and Its Value", by R.W. Brother D. McGugan, Grand Senior Warden of British Columbia;

"Should the Membership of a Lodge be Controlled from the Standpoint of Numerical Strength", by M.W. Brother H. B. Donnelly, Grand Master of Manitoba;

"What are the Responsibilities and Place of the Past Masters in the Activities of a Lodge?" by R.W. Brother W. A. Henry, Deputy Grand Master of Alberta;

"Has the Craft in Western Canada Measured Up to Its Responsibilities in the Era of Unrest?" by R.W. Brother W. C. McDonald, Deputy Grand Master of Manitoba;

"The Effect of So-Called Higher Degrees on Masonry," by M.W. Brother W. R. Simpson, Grand Secretary of British Columbia;

"The Effect of Those Organizations Other than Above Yet Predicating Membership in the Craft," by M.W. Brother G. Roy Long, Grand Master of British Columbia;

Debate—"Should Freemasonry Engage in Outside Activities of a Humanitarian Character?"

Affirmative, R.W. Brother H. B. MacDonald, Grand Senior Warden of Alberta;

Negative, M.W. Brother W. L. Clink, Past Grand Master of Saskatchewan;

"What are the Duties and Responsibilities of an Investigating Committee?" by R.W. Brother Fred C. Wilson, Deputy Grand Master of Saskatchewan;

"How Can We Make the Results of the Deliberations of Our Conference More Effective in Our Constituent Lodges?" by R.W. Brother George H. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master of British Columbia;

Open Forum:

Retaining and Building the Interest of the New Members

- (a) The Candidate and the Ritual, introduced by M.W. Brother Dr. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary of Manitoba;
- (b) The Responsibilities of Sponsorship After Degrees, by R.W. Brother Robert A. Tate, Grand Secretary of Saskatchewan;
- (c) The Duties of a Lodge He Can Assume, R.W. Brother Harry Coddington, Grand Senior Warden of Manitoba.

After the presentation of each of the papers above referred to, the members were asked to enter into discussion of the same. Each and every paper brought forth a good deal of comment and the views submitted proved of much value to the Conference.

Time and space will not permit me to deal with the different papers and I will refer only to what, in my opinion, are the most salient points of each, and in doing so, I believe you will best be served by quotation therefrom. I am including these excerpts for the reason only that I am hopeful it will stimulate the interest of the Brethren and result in the Brethren referring to and studying the complete addresses. By virtue of the generosity of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, all of our Constituent Lodges were supplied with mimeographed copies of the addresses delivered at the Conference. Lodges, thus, have an opportunity of taking full advantage of this valuable Masonic Educational material and I trust have done so.

M.W. Brother Mackay on "The Dignity of Conferring Our Degrees":

"Combined with these would be the matter of deportment of all. As stated before, the Officers should carry themselves erect and speak distinctly. Those who remain sitting should sit up with proper attention. There should be no slouchiness but a full, calm, attentive expectancy. The whole will then blend into that which we have spoken of as the dignified atmosphere. With this sort of atmosphere there can be no room for buffoonry or horse-play, no whispering among the Past Masters in the East or from any one else anywhere in the Lodge."

R.W. Brother D. McGugan on "The Refreshment Period and Its Value":

"To sum up I would say that the refreshment period forms an important and integral part of our Masonic Life, if carefully planned and properly conducted. It provides the opportunity to make friends, to become better acquainted with the Brethren, to become better educated in all phases of Freemasonry. It further affords an opportunity to give the Brethren and particularly the younger members some duty to be performed and to be noticed, which in the final analysis does more than anything to interest a Brother. It gives the opportunity to send the Brethren home rejoicing with a moral uplift that will remain with them for a long time. In short it provides the opportunity to be "happy ourselves and communicate happiness to others."

M.W. Brother H. B. Donnelly on "Should the Membership of a Lodge be Controlled from the Standpoint of Numerical Strength?":

"My answer is, not by any authority outside the Lodge itself. A Grand Lodge may, if it thinks wise, encourage the formation of more lodges where those already in existence are growing large in numbers. But it would be inadvisable for a Grand Lodge to set any limit to the membership" and "That decision must be made by the individual lodge."

R.W. Brother Wm. A. Henry on "What are the Responsibilities and Place of the Past Masters in the Activities of a Lodge?":

"In the Lodge he has no official duties, but a Past Master is one who is given credit for mastering the secrets of Freemasonry. He, then, is in a position to teach others. This, then, is the chief duty of a Past Master, and one which he should be at all times ready to discharge. Freemasonry teaches the young and unskilled brother to apply to his elder brethren for instruction in the Art and assures him that they will always be ready to teach as he is ready to learn. He can do this intelligently and without error only if he has been faithful in the discharge of the duties he has filled before he became a Past Master."

R.W. Brother W. C. McDonald on "Has the Craft in Western Canada Measured up to Its Responsibilities in the Era of Unrest?":

"That the Craft has not measured up to its responsibilities cannot be denied. It has been suggested by one Past Master that less than twenty-five per cent. of the total membership are actively engaged in attending their Lodges and seriously endeavouring to practice the principles of Freemasonry. What then of the seventy-five per cent. who are members, but members only in name? It is only by re-consecration to the teachings of Freemasonry, by all those who have passed our portals, can our individual influence be spread in ever widening circles."

M.W. Brother W. R. Simpson on "The Effect of the So-Called Higher Degrees on Freemasonry":

"I think they exert a beneficial effect. We have no need to fear that these organizations will do any injury to Freemasonry, everywhere peace and harmony prevails between us. These organizations are a power for good, they have a definite purpose and do accomplish something. They have made a contribution to Freemasonry by observing its laws. The vast majority of members continue to patronize our assemblies. They have been taught the duty of upholding the hands of those who in our Grand Lodges and in our Constituent Lodges are administering the affairs of the Fraternity."

"Harmony exists between our Grand Lodges and these organizations, and will continue to do so as each attends to its own affairs and faithfully performs its respective functions."

M.W. Brother G. Roy Long on "The Attitude of Our Grand Lodges to Organizations Predicating Membership in the Craft":

"The dangers of recognizing other organizations are numerous and I shall content myself with pointing out that we cannot afford to ally our Craft with any organization over which we have not complete control and as we have no desire to control any but our own affairs, all we ask is that we be allowed to do so and not be asked to assume any other responsibility."

In the debate on the subject of "Should Freemasonry engage in outside Activities of a Humanitarian Nature?" in which the affirmative was taken by R.W. Brother H. B. MacDonald and the negative by M.W. Brother W. L. Clink, the latter said:

"It has never been the plan of Freemasonry that it, as an organization, sought to sponsor any definite form of benevolent work in the world at large. There have been times in the field of National Crisis, such as the late war, when Masonic Grand Lodges have extended very considerable assistance to brethren in other parts of the world who were in distress and even to those who did not belong to the Masonic organizations. This, however, is but an exception and the exception in this, as in all other matters, proves the rule, that the benevolent work done in our organizations should be restricted to the members of those organizations and those who are dependent upon them and that the great body of the benevolence stimulated by the teachings of our order should be exemplified only by the individual Mason in the outside world. It is true that the outside world does not give Freemasonry credit for what has been so achieved, but credit has never been the objective of Freemasonry."

R.W. Brother Fred C. Wilson on "What are the Duties and Responsibilities of an Investigating Committee?":

"Let us guard our heritage by taking care at all times that only good men and true are admitted to membership, for it is only by adhering to this principle that we can hope to preserve the reputation of Freemasonry, which should be our constant care. No one should be considered a candidate for admission to our Institution who does not measure up to the standard we require of him and every Brother who contemplates nominating any one for the privileges of Freemasonry and every member of an Investigating Committee should ever bear in mind the qualifications that are essential in a candidate and refrain from recommending or reporting favourably, unless he has strong ground to believe the Petitioner will prove to be a worthy member of the Craft. Thus only will we guard our heritage and keep it unsullied."

R.W. Brother George H. Ellis on "How can we make the results of the deliberations of our Conference more effective in our Constituent Lodges?":

"I think you will agree that there is only one way to get any Masonic information over to the Constituent Lodges, and that is by some organized system of Masonic education by the individual Grand Lodges. If then, we agree on this, the thing to do is to get results of our deliberations into the hands of those responsible for Masonic education, and if the result of our deliberations is of any value, such a body would certainly include them in any plan of education they might have."

M.W. Brother P. T. Pilkey on the sub-heading of "The Candidate and the Ritual" under the general subject of "Retaining and Building the Interest of the New Member":

"It should be the objective of every Lodge, not so much to get more men into Freemasonry, as to get more Freemasonry into men. The Ritual is only the beginning. With that as our foundation, let us strive for the better instruction of the rising generation of "Freemasons". What I am trying to put before this Conference, is that we must not only have our Ceremonial Work efficient in the fullest sense, but we must go further, and so relate ourselves to the Candidate, spend time with him, and energize ourselves in his behalf, that he will understand what the whole thing means, the significance of its several parts, and the ultimate purpose of the process."

R.W. Brother Robert A. Tate on the sub-heading of "The Responsibilities of Sponsorship after Degrees":

"If the applicant is accepted his sponsors should recognize their obligations of Masonic parenthood. We often hear the expression "Masonic Mother" having reference to a brother's "Masonic Lodge" but rarely do we hear any member refer to his "Masonic Father". I submit that sponsors are the Masonic Fathers of the applicant. A father is naturally interested in his son's welfare. He gives him advice. He tries to guide him. No sacrifice is too great where his son is concerned. He thrills to his successes, he is hurt by his mistakes and endeavours to have him accomplish the success in life that he himself would like to have achieved. Masonic sponsors have great responsibilities of a similar nature. It is not enough that the sponsors be present on each occasion that their Masonic son receives a degree."

R.W. Brother H. Coddington on the sub-heading of "The Duties in a Lodge he can assume":

"I want to emphasize that we have to make every new member feel just as important as the Master and when we assign a duty to him make sure that he feels important in the duties you assign. Different lodges have different ideas, in the big lodge it is difficult, in the small lodge not so difficult. You can find a job for every member in your Lodge. I am not going to enlarge on this, I am just giving you my thoughts as to what we in the Constituent Lodges

can do to make our members, and particularly new members, happy. Give them a job and they will be glad to do it."

It was decided by resolution that the Eighth Annual Conference be held again in Banff.

The election of Officers resulted as follows:

President—R.W. Brother W. C. McDonald, Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Vice-President—R.W. Brother W. A. Henry, Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Secretary—M.W. Brother George F. Ellis, Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED C. WILSON, Deputy Grand Master

Report of Committee on Masonic Education

R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, on behalf of W. Bro. J. E. Campbell, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic Education, which, on motion of R.W. Bros. Robt. A. Tate and R. L. Maxfield, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

It is my pleasure and privilege to present the report of your Committee on Masonic Education.

The following constituted the Committee for 1947-48: W. Bro. J. E. Campbell, Chairman; M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Secretary; R.W. Bro. F. Hedley Auld; R.W. Bro. A. W. Ingram; W. Bro. E. W. Van Blaricom; W. Bro. L. T. Carmichael; W. Bro. W. W. Snider; W. Bro. J. H. Morrow; W. Bro. G. R. Anderson.

The material prepared during the past year and published in the Tracing Board was as follows:

September—The Figure Three

October—Remember Now Thy Creator

November—Geometry

December—1947 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Sask.

January—We Meet Upon the Level

February—First Degree Tracing Board

March—Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund

April—Operative to Speculative

May—The Historical Development of the Tracing Board

June—The Landmarks

July—The Two Great Pillars

The Committee is much indebted to M.W. Bro. S. J. A. Branion for his well prepared paper on the "Benevolent Fund" and for his skilful exposition of Ecclesiastes XII: 1-7. The Committee is indebted, also, to three new writers, W. Bro. G. W. Durham, Bro. Peter Greig and W. Bro. G. H. Bennett who prepared the outlines for February, May and July, respectively. The rest of the papers were prepared by Members of your Committee, and to them we tender our best thanks.

In our opinion too little time has been devoted to Masonic Education in this jurisdiction during the past year. It is true that the Lodges have been so busy with Degree work that time could not be found for special instruction. M.W. Bro. Clink in his address to Grand Lodge last year, observed: "There was no need to stimulate the growth of our Lodges but a great need to stimulate

the study of Freemasonry." In the 1947 report on the Condition of Masonry, M.W. Bro. Clark has this to say: "The absence of special and interesting Masonic teaching and fellowship may create a danger of disappointment, especially among the younger Brethren resulting in their entire loss to the Craft." This note of warning from two of our distinguished Brethren should not go unheeded.

In our cities and large towns the Lodges have libraries which greatly assist the work of Masonic Education. All Lodges, and particularly those in the rural areas, should have a shelf of books and a definite policy of adding to it a few standard Masonic books yearly. The material which has been published in the Proceedings for over 20 years also comprises a valuable and permanent reference library to which those in search of enlightenment may confidently resort.

Your Committee would like to express its appreciation of the responsibility you have seen fit to place in its hands and also to express the hope that the performance of the task has met with your approval.

At this time we should like to express our thanks to the M.W. the Grand Master, and to the Grand Secretary for their advice and co-operation.

Fraternally submitted,

J. E. CAMPBELL, Chairman

Report of Committee on Necrology

R.W. Bro. W. H. Moor presented the report of the Committee on Necrology, which, on motion of R.W. Bros. W. H. Moor and D. A. McMillan, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

Again we stand at the sign of Fidelity, in silent memory of 215 Brethren, of this Grand Jurisdiction, who during the past Masonic year, have answered the final sound of the gavel, and were called to Labour in the Grand Lodge above, "where the imperfect efforts of earth are rewarded by opportunities of greater service". In the words of Joe, the blacksmith, in Dickens' Great Expectations, "Life is made up of so many partings welded together." Another has said, "In the Love of God, there are comings and goings, but no death." A belief in the immortality of the temple of man's soul, is fundamental in Masonry.

These are they whose memory we revere, and whose loss we now deplore:

Two Past Grand Masters: M.W. Bro. James McGregor, September 28, 1947, at the ripe age of 82 and M.W. Bro. N. B. Williams, suddenly on October 25th, 1947, aged 69. Bro. McGregor was one of the most revered men in Saskatchewan Freemasonry and in the Presbyterian Church. His quiet, retiring disposition simply radiated human kindness. Bro. Williams was a tower of strength to the Craft. A doughty fighter for the things in which he believed, he was a valiant adversary, and a staunch and helpful friend. Both these Brethren came to the West from Fergus, Ontario, and at Bro. McGregor's funeral, Bro. Williams was a great comfort to the family. The official memorials of both these Brethren will appear, in full, in the Proceedings of this Grand Communication.

There were 11 P.D.D.G.M's:

R.W. Bro. James Nottingham; Charter Member Raymore Lodge, No. 155, in 1920; Worshipful Master 1922; Grand Steward, 1936; D.D.G.M. District No. 16 in 1927. Died in Saskatoon, February 26, 1947.

R.W. Bro. Albert E. Armstrong; Charter Member Briercrest Lodge, No. 88, in 1912, coming from Drinkwater Lodge, No. 41; D.D.G.M. District No. 11, in 1915. Died March 24, 1947.

R.W. Bro. Charles R. Stewart; Charter Member Kindersley Lodge, No. 86, 1911, coming from Fort William Lodge, No. 415, Ontario; Worshipful Master 1913; D.D.G.M. District No. 12 in 1917. Died June 28, 1947.

R.W. Bro. George W. Pomeroy; Kincaid Lodge No. 138, affiliated form Golden Rule Lodge, No. 5, Quebec, in 1920; Worshipful Master 1924; D.D.G.M. District No. 14 in 1928. Died June 28, 1947.

R.W. Bro. Alexander J. McPherson; Charter Member Broderick Lodge, No. 113, Glenside, coming from Outlook Lodge, No. 65; Worshipful Master 1917; Grand Steward 1928; D.D.G.M. District No. 17 in 1929. Died July 12, 1947. "A highly respected resident of the Glenside district since 1905; Councillor or Reeve of the R.M. of Rudy since its organization in 1910; Secretary-Treasurer of the Inverness school district; Elder and Bible class teacher in the United Church." "No one will ever be more sorely missed; none ever served more people better."

R.W. Bro. Harold E. Smith; Charter Member Philathea Lodge, No. 133, Nokomis in 1917, coming from King Solomon Lodge, No. 41, Alberta; Worshipful Master 1920; D.D.G.M. District No. 16 in 1921. Died July 25, 1947.

R.W. Bro. George W. Hooker; Charter Member Woodrow Lodge, No. 112, coming from Rouleau Lodge, No. 66, North Dakota, in 1914; Worshipful Master 1917; D.D.G.M. District No. 14 in 1918. Died August 5, 1947.

R.W. Bro. Gilbert F. Gillespie; Charter Member Wadena Lodge, No. 87, coming from Forest Lodge, No. 162, Ontario, in 1912; Worshipful Master 1913; D.D.G.M. District No. 15 in 1931. Died August 13, 1947. "He was an earnest and efficient worker."

R.W. Bro. James Dickson; Charter Member Unity Lodge, No. 73, coming from Hartfill Lodge, No. 728, Scotland, in 1911; Worshipful Master 1913, 1916 and 1918; Grand Steward 1922; D.D.G.M. District No. 13 in 1925. Died October 6, 1947.

R.W. Bro. Robert A. Dick, Canora Lodge, No. 59, affiliated from Bolton Lodge, No. 98, Ontario in 1920; Worshipful Master 1925; D.D.G.M. District No. 15 in 1928. Died October 23, 1947.

R.W. Bro. Wilbur George; Cypress Lodge, No. 70, Gull Lake, where he was initiated December 29, 1911; passed February 2, 1912 and raised March 15, 1912; Worshipful Master 1917; D.D.G.M. District No. 11 in 1928. Died December 12, 1947.

There were three other past Grand Lodge officers:

V.W. Bro. George S. Croley; Charter Member Saltcoats Lodge, No. 162, coming from Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Ontario in 1921; Grand Steward 1926. Died September 10, 1947.

V.W. Bro. Peter D. Armstrong; Charter Member Herschel Lodge, No. 189 in 1926; Worshipful Master 1927; Grand Steward 1932. Died September 27, 1947.

V.W. Bro. Archie McGill; Charter Member St. Lukes Lodge, No. 165, Plenty, coming from Paragon Lodge, No. 118, Kelfield in 1922; Worshipful Master 1925; Grand Steward 1935. Died October 27, 1947. "He was our last active Charter Member, and a great pillar in the Lodge."

Two others left us, who proudly wore the Fifty Year Membership Gold Button:

Bro. Lewis H. Reeve, Charter Member Touchwood Lodge, No. 51, coming from Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Ontario in 1909. He received Saskatchewan Free-

masonry's Fifty Year Gold Button, and Grand Lodge Certificate in 1944. Died July 31, 1947.

Bro. Joseph T. Johnson, Moosomin Lodge, No. 7, where he was initiated February 6, 1896; passed April 1, 1896 and raised May 11, 1896. He received his Fifty Year Membership Gold Button and Grand Lodge Certificate in 1946. Died January 1, 1948.

This Province and this Grand Jurisdiction suffered a real loss in the sudden passing of Worshipful Brother, the Honourable Reginald John Marsden Parker, Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan, who died March 23, 1948. A State funeral was held in St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral, Regina, March 27, attended by every branch of public life, with Freemasonry officially represented. Interment was made at Togo, with Masonic funeral rites.

Bro. Parker was a Charter Member and Past Master of Togo Lodge No. 130. Born in Cornwall, England, in 1881, he came to Canada when seventeen years of age, and worked on a farm at Russell, Manitoba. In 1890 he went to Pelly, Saskatchewan, and later farmed near Togo. He was a Member of the Legislature 1929-1944, a Cabinet Minister 1934-1944. "He was a high minded Statesman, a staunch churchman, and an enthusiastic Mason."

The annual practice of decorating the graves of deceased Brethren, formerly of Saskatchewan Masonic lodges, was again observed, May 16, 1948, at the Royal Oak burial grounds, Victoria, B.C. The service was under the direction of V.W. Bro. William Niblock. Short addresses were given by M.W. Bro. Canon J. K. Irwin and Bro. C. B. Price. R.W. Bro. D. McGugan, Grand S.W. of British Columbia was present.

Flowers were placed on the graves of the following Brethren: T. Miller, G. Wilkins, H. Jagger, M. L. Fairchilds, Moose Jaw; E. R. Jenkins, J. M. Shaw, G. L. Hopkins, J. M. Young, W. T. Mollard and A. Roberts, Regina; W. G. Watson, W. H. Appleton and A. L. Bamford, Saskatoon; J. P. Dill, Wolseley; A. H. Shaw and J. C. Waddington, Weyburn; F. G. Smith, Melfort; J. C. Crump, Pense; F. S. Proctor, Fort Qu'Appelle; J. E. Kilty, Francis; L. N. Nelson, Tisdale; R. L. Spence, Unity; W. H. Smith, Elrose; G. B. Johnston, Strasbourg; F. Bowles, Rosetown; S. E. Minty, Climax.

The following Saskatchewan Brethren now resident in Victoria were present: Wm. Niblock and H. Taylor, Wascana Lodge, Regina; J. K. Irwin, A. N. Indoe, H. F. Shenton and J. Adam, Assiniboia Lodge, Regina; J. A. Wilson, Evergreen Lodge, Harris; H. Smallshaw, Limerick Lodge, Limerick; W. E. Moore, R. C. Farr, L. W. Tophan and A. Mallison, Tisdale Lodge, Tisdale; H. Meadows and W. Stanley, Kinistino Lodge, Prince Albert; T. A. Mattick, Qu'Appelle Lodge, Qu'Appelle; C. A. Hislop, Memorial Lodge, Moose Jaw; H. C. Percival, Vanguard Lodge, Vanguard; C. B. Price, Prince Arthur Lodge, Swan River; and D. McGugan, St. Andrews Lodge, Victoria.

We are indebted to Bro. H. Taylor for this report.

"Let me but live my life from year to year,
With forward face and unreluctant soul,
Not hastening to, nor turning from the goal;
Not mourning for the things that disappear
In the dim past, nor holding back in fear
From what the future veils, but with a whole
And happy heart, that pays its toll
To youth and age, and travels on with cheer.
So let the way lead up the hill or down,
Though rough or smooth, the journey will be a joy;
Still seeking what I sought when but a boy—
New friendship, high adventure, and a crown.
I shall grow old but never lose life's zest,
Because the road's last mile will be the best."

—Henry Van Dyke.

M.W. Grand Master: this is the report of your Committee on Necrology. The losses have been great, the rewards are certain, and faith and courage are strong. We recommend that suitable Memorial pages, dedicated to all departed Brethren, whose deaths have been reported to Grand Lodge during the past year, be included in the appendix to the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Faternally submitted,

W. H. MOOR, Chairman

Motion — Pursuant to Notice

It was moved by Bro. D. Grant (31), and W. Bro. E. H. Clink (19):

"That the following words be added to Section 171: 'Provided that the Jurisdiction of Battle Lodge No. 19 and Ionic Lodge No. 31 shall be concurrent'."

On the motion being put it was declared carried.

Report — Special Committee Grand Lodge Office Accommodation

M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig submitted the following report. On motion of M.W. Bros. N. R. Craig and D. Fraser, it was resolved that the report be received and the Committee discharged.

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Your special building Committee, consisting of N. R. Craig, Chairman, with M.W. Bros. Robert Young and Douglas Fraser, and R.W. Bros. A. F. McFaul, W. H. Hart and C. G. Schmitt, beg to report as follows:

Your Committee reported last year that the matters referred to this Committee were in abeyance pending action by the seven Regina City Craft Lodges.

Nothing has been done by this Committee since last Grand Lodge Communication as we have had no notice of any action by the Regina Craft Lodges.

Faternally submitted,

N. R. CRAIG, Chairman

Appreciation

On motion of R.W. Bros. T. Hesketh and C. A. Moir, it was resolved that the best thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the Chairman and Members of the Committees of the Board of General Purposes for the very fine and detailed reports submitted to this Annual Communication.

The hour having arrived for adjournment the Grand Master declared Grand Lodge adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, June 17th.

Banquet

On Wednesday evening, June 16th, 350 Brethren gathered for the Annual Banquet arranged by a Committee of Saskatoon City Lodges and Twin City Lodge No. 89, Sutherland, of which R.W. Bro. C. A. Moir, was Chairman. He also presided at the Banquet and welcomed the Brethren. Among those seated at the head table were: M.W. Bro. Hector Mackay, Grand Master; M.W. Bro. Fred I. Mills, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois; R.W. Bro. Henry O. Morgan, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana; M.W. Bro. Walter McDonald, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba; M.W. Bro. Dr. Peter T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba; M.W. Bro. Dr. William A. Henry, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta; M.W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Alberta; M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate (Dean of Past Grand Masters and Fifty Year Veteran); M.W. Bros. R. Young, W. J. Smith, W. M. Martin, J. Orville Clarke, C. P. Moore, N. R. Craig, M. Musk, D. Fraser, S. J. A. Branion, J. C. Carter, F. C. Hayes; R.W. Bros. Fred C. Wilson, Deputy Grand Master, W. H. Moor, Grand Senior Warden, F. Hedley Auld, Grand Junior Warden, Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary A. S. Pipes, Grand Registrar; W. Bro. Dr. Wilkinson, Guest Speaker; and W Bros. R. H. Trickey, C. S. Collis, E. G. Hazell and C. M. Peel.

A splendid musical programme arranged by R.W. Bro. E. Morrell was greatly enjoyed by all. W. Bro. Dr. Wilkinson, as Guest Speaker, delivered an address, his theme being, "Everybody's Century", summarizing his ideals of the philosophy of present day living and concluding with the thought "When the good of everybody is sought, it will be a great day we live in, and a great Century." Five of the wearers of Saskatchewan Freemasonry's Fifty Year Gold Button were present as guests of the M.W. Grand Master.

Bro. Archdeacon R. K. Sampson said Grace, and W. Bros. W. E. Rose and R. H. Trickey, respectively, thanked the Guest Speaker and the Artists.

During the course of the evening many friendships were renewed, typical of the fine spirit which prevailed throughout the entire Communication.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labour at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 17th; M.W. Bro. Hector Mackay, Grand Master, on the Throne; Grand Officers, Members and Representatives present.

Nominations

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the Grand Secretary declared the following written nominations, in each case signed by a Member of Grand Lodge, had been delivered to him by 10:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 17, as provided in Section 36.

Grand Senior Warden: F. Hedley Auld (186)..

Grand Junior Warden: E. C. Bird (174), G. H. Glover, Aberdeen Lodge, A. Greaves (144), R. R. McEwen (69), D. A. McMillan (196), R. Mayson (1), A. S. Pipes (3).

Grand Treasurer: W. J. Smith (2).

Grand Secretary: Robt. A. Tate (11).

Grand Registrar: A. S. Pipes (3), S. R. Stephens (71).

Board of General Purposes: W. O. Fraser (39), T. Guest (144), W. H. Hart (125), E. H. M. Knowles (174), T. R. Luke (12), R. R. McEwen (69), C. A. Moir (89), R. A. Partridge (63), N. G. Patterson (92), A. A. Shotter (184), S. R. Stephens (71).

NOMINATIONS—BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

The Grand Secretary announced that the following Brethren had been nominated for the Board of Benevolence: A. O. Brooks (77), R. R. McEwen (69), H. Mackay (62), W. M. Martin (2).

Report of Credential Committee

R.W. Bro. A. S. Pipes presented the report of the Credential Committee, which, on motion of R. W. Bros. A. S. Pipes and A. Greaves, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

Your Credential Committee have pleasure in submitting the following report at this the Forty-second Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

There are 203 Lodges on the Register of which eleven have the Worshipful Master and both Wardens in attendance. There are sixty-three Lodges not represented. There are sixty-one Worshipful Masters and sixty-five Wardens, with two hundred and eight Past Masters in attendance—a total of three hundred and thirty-four Representatives, carrying a vote of five hundred and eighty-seven.

The total representation is considerably below that of last year. The number of principle officers of the Lodges attending Grand Lodge is far below that of last year and is far below what it should be. We suggest that the District Deputy Grand Masters bring this to the attention of the Lodges, on their official visits, with a hope that attendance will be increased.

Fraternally submitted,

A. S. PIPES, Chairman

Election of Officers

The hour having arrived for the election of Officers, the Grand Master appointed M.W. Bro. J. C. Carter, R.W. Bros. A. P. MacLean, W. Lonsdale, I. H. Pittman and W. Bros. J. C. Davison, J. F. Bell, H. S. Hanna, J. F. Kerr, R. Pierson, H. B. Barrett, W. L. Blackmore and C. E. Bradley, scrutineers.

The result of the ballot was as follows:

R.W. Bro. Fred C. Wilson (163)	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. W. H. Moor (16)	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. F. Hedley Auld (186)	Grand Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. R. R. McEwen (69)	Grand Junior Warden
M.W. Bro. W. J. Smith (2)	Grand Treasurer
R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate (11)	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. A. S. Pipes (3)	Grand Registrar
V.W. Bro. R. J. Fleming (11)	Grand Tyler

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following Brethren were elected to the Board of General Purposes for two years: W. O. Fraser (39), T. Guest (144), E. H. M. Knowles (174), C. A. Moir (89), S. R. Stephens (71).

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

The following Brethren were elected Trustees of the Benevolent Fund for the ensuing three years: W. M. Martin (2), A. O. Brooks (77).

Addresses

M.W. Bro. Fred I. Mills, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in addressing Grand Lodge said he was happy to be in our midst and breaking bread with such a fine group of Masons. It was a privilege to get so far away from his stamping grounds and widen his acquaintance. In conveying greetings from the Grand Jurisdiction of Illinois, he gave information about their statistics, but not in any boastful spirit. They had 975 Lodges, of which 260 were in Chicago and a Membership of 230,000. There were 1,400 in attendance at Grand Lodge. The Masons there were no different from those in Saskatchewan. He said there was a feeling of friendship and co-operation among all the Grand Jurisdictions on the American Continent. Inter-visitation was a most constructive thing. He told of two visitors who had been interviewed by the Press regarding their impressions after their travels in America. A visitor from China was asked, "What do you think is the oddest thing about the American people?" "The most peculiar thing is the slant of their eyes," was the reply. An Englishman who had been shown over the great parks and beauty spots was asked, "What has impressed you most in America?" He replied, "The size of your garbage cans." The speaker thought there was some philosophy in these observations. God has been so good to the American people and we have shown lack of appreciation. The reckoning always comes in a time of depression for extravagance and other features. In Chicago he had been impressed with the words on the wall of a Masonic Temple, such as Brotherly Love, Relief, Charity, Faith, Toleration, etc.—also the sentence, "Behold how good it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity." He concluded, "To me, Freemasonry is only an adjunct to living a Christian Life. We should be loyal to our Masonic obligation but we should also be loyal to our church affiliation." M.W. Bro. Mills expressed thanks for the great courtesies extended to him for the honour conferred by making him an Honourary Past Grand Master of Saskatchewan.

M.W. Bro. Dr. W. A. Henry, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta thanked the Grand Lodge for the honour he had received in being made an Honourary Past Grand Master of Saskatchewan. In Alberta they had been very glad to have M.W. Bro. Hector Mackay at their Communication. Masonic good faith and friendly relations were very important. Inter-visitation was a means of developing this. He brought heartiest greetings from Alberta. They had had one problem in Alberta with which Saskatchewan had not had to deal, that is, Grievances and Appeals. "We are to blame," he said. "We must say to our investigating Committee they must be careful to get the facts before the names are presented. We do not want unworthy Members. In these problem cases the bad side was there before they entered the Fraternity. A bad plank is rejected before it is placed in a new building. We desire new Members so we can have wider influence, but we want good men, the type referred to in our lectures. Virtues take a great part in our present civilization." Reminding the Brethren of the usual definition of Freemasonry given in our Lodge work, M.W. Bro. Dr. Henry gave another which he liked. "Freemasonry is a fraternity organization, universal in its scope, teaching (by Symbols) the garnered wisdom of the ages. It has as its purpose the gathering of men from all strata of life that they may meet on a common level and strive to live together for the predominance in the human race of the ideals of Brotherhood—Trust, Altruism, Charity, Honesty, Morality, and Education—that the progress may be onward and upward."

M.W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, expressed his appreciation for the warmth of the welcome he received and his joy of association with the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. This was the tenth Communication he had visited. He said the two Jurisdictions were very close together. There is a close parallel in the statistics of each. He had been interested in the remarks of the others. For some time he had not been sure of a brave new world coming, and he saw less hope now. We do not know what the outcome will be. We must go back to the Old Book. Like Abraham, we step out into the unknown. Freemasonry has certain fundamentals on which things are based. It can do much to promote right acting and thinking. He gave a graphic picture of the mass development of one of the Northern outposts he had visited where there was a mass development going on. The place was a hive of industry with bulldozers operating, an airport being built, granite being blasted for construction work. In this place, in the far North, they had Constituted a new Lodge. He thanked the Brethren for the kindness and hospitality shown.

Votes of Thanks

On motion of M.W. Bros. S. J. A. Branion and Douglas Fraser, it was resolved that the hearty appreciation of this Grand Lodge be extended to W. Bro. Sgt. J. Robinson, and Bro. Sgt. A. H. M. Downey for their service to this Grand Lodge in our Flag Ceremonies, and to their Commanding Officer for making it possible for these two efficient officers so to oblige us.

On motion of V.W. Bro. E. C. Bird and R.W. Bro. F. Hedley Auld, it was resolved that the best thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Saskatoon City Lodges, Twin City Lodge, Sutherland, and to the Management and Staff of the Bessborough Hotel, for the fine arrangements, many kindnesses and unfailing courtesies extended throughout the meetings of Grand Lodge.

Farewell

M.W. Bro. Hector Mackay, addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

"Distinguished Grand East, and my Brethren of Saskatchewan: the hour has come for me to pass to my successor, the gavel of authority. Before I do so, may I again say how much I have enjoyed serving you as the Grand Master. I have had a full year and every moment has been filled with the pleasure of service. I want to say 'thank you', to all my officers, committees and all Members for loyal support and co-operation. That includes the Past Grand Masters who have been most helpful and considerate. Naturally my work and association with the Grand Secretary was closer and more extensive than with any other. His experience and co-operation have been invaluable and I express appreciation for all.

To the Grand Master Elect, my very good personal as well as fraternal friend, Most Wor. Bro. Wilson, I wish the very best. I bespeak for him the same loyal support and co-operation from one and all and hope that this next twelve months will prove a really successful year for Freemasonry in Saskatchewan. If it is, it will be a grand year for Brotherhood, and Brotherhood is the foundation of our fraternity.

Best wishes to one and all."

Installation of Officers

All business to come before Grand Lodge having been transacted, the Grand Master called on M.W. Bro. J. C. Carter to act as Installing Officer. The newly-elected Grand Master and Grand Officers were duly Installed by M.W. Bro. J. C. Carter with V.W. Bro. T. Guest and W. Bro. J. T. Truscott discharging the duties of Grand Director of Ceremonies and Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The following Brethren, selected by their respective Districts, were appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master as District Deputy Grand Masters for the ensuing year, obligated and invested:

W. Bro. R. McIntosh, No. 1	W. Bro. H. Shepherd, No. 9
W. Bro. E. E. Johnston, No. 2	W. Bro. H. Woodward, No. 10
W. Bro. A. Wilson, No. 3	W. Bro. L. E. Trew, No. 11
V.W. Bro. L. A. Hubbs, No. 4	W. Bro. R. H. Turner, No. 12
W. Bro. W. E. Rose, No. 5	V.W. Bro. A. E. Grenkie, No. 13
W. Bro. P. K. Brown, No. 6	W. Bro. A. C. Running, No. 14
W. Bro. H. L. Binns, No. 7	W. Bro. W. T. Morphy, No. 15
V.W. Bro. C. C. Cameron, No. 8	V.W. Bro. R. D. Barbour, No. 16
W. Bro. M. A. Steele, No. 17	

The following Brethren were also appointed to office for the ensuing year by the M.W. the Grand Master and were duly invested:

R.W. Bro. Bishop E. H. Knowles (11)	Grand Chaplain
W. Bro. W. E. Cutt (63)	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Bro. W. L. Black (38)	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Bro. James Robinson (11)	Grand D. of C.
W. Bro. W. O. Turnbull (163)	Grand Supt. of Works
W. Bro. A. Findlay (20)	Grand Organist
W. Bro. H. Hanna (11)	Grand Pursuivant

GRAND STEWARDS

W. Bro. W. H. Tough (148)	W. Bro. J. T. Marshall (85)
W. Bro. W. Garvie (60)	W. Bro. A. E. Friend (75)
W. Bro. F. E. Wagar (204)	W. Bro. J. R. Argue (84)
W. Bro. W. S. Miller (123)	W. Bro. T. W. Russell (78)

Presentation to Retiring Grand Master

M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Dean of Past Grand Masters, on behalf of Grand Lodge, presented the retiring Grand Master M.W. Bro. Hector Mackay, with a suitably engraved Past Grand Master's Collar Jewel and a set of Past Grand Master's Gauntlets, as a token of appreciation for the leadership given Saskatchewan Freemasonry by him during his year in office.

M.W. Bro. Mackay suitably acknowledged the presentation.

Thanks

M.W. Bro. Hector Mackay thanked M.W. Bro. J. C. Carter for the efficient and dignified manner in which he had conducted the Installation and Investiture of Grand Lodge Officers, and V.W. Bro. S. Foster for his fine musical contribution throughout the meetings of Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge Closes

The business of Grand Lodge having been transacted, the Forty-second Annual Communication was closed in Ample Form at 1:05 p.m.

Robt. A. Tate

Grand Secretary.



In Memory
of
The Illustrious Dead
of
Sister Grand
Lodges



In Memory of

James McGregor

Past Grand Master

who died in the City of Saskatoon on Sunday, September 28th, 1947,
at the age of 82 years.

*"Leaf after leaf drops off, flower after flower,
Some in the chill, some in the warmer hour;
Alive they flourish and alive they fall
And Earth who nourished them receives them all.
Should we, her wiser sons, be less content
To sink into her lap when life is spent?"*

Most Worshipful Brother McGregor was born on July 6th, 1865, at Belwood, in the County of Wellington, Ontario. He was one of a family of nine and after finishing school went to Fergus, where he learned the trade of harnessmaker. He came West in 1890 and worked at his trade in Emerson and Morden, Manitoba, returning to Ontario in 1893. The West, however, appealed to Brother McGregor and in 1905 he came to Saskatchewan and for seven years was in business at Fielding. He moved to Saskatoon in 1913, and for two years was employed in the land titles office. He was then associated with Adams Brothers Harness Company for over twenty years. He had retired from active business for some years prior to his passing.

In 1895 he married Jessie M. Hay who predeceased him in 1944. He is survived by two sons and two daughters; Lorne of Winnipeg; Willard of Vancouver; Marion, who lovingly directed her father's home and Mrs. J. H. LaRoche (Jean), of Saskatoon.

Brother McGregor was a devoted member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and was senior elder at the time of his death.

He was a lover of clean manly sport and as a boy and young man became a very proficient lacrosse player.

James McGregor served and lived Freemasonry for a period of almost fifty years. He was initiated, passed and raised in Scott Lodge No. 421, Dufferin County, in 1899 and served as Worshipful Master in 1904. He was an active member of Imperial Lodge No. 60, Saskatoon, from the time of his affiliation in 1911 until his passing. He served District 5 as D.D.G.M. during the term 1923-24. He was elected Grand Junior Warden in June 1928, Grand Senior Warden in June 1929, Deputy Grand Master in June 1930 and Most Worshipful Grand Master in June 1931. In concluding his Grand Master's address at the annual Communication of Grand Lodge in June 1932 he gave us an insight into his Masonic character when he said: "Duty and service are ever before us and if we are sincere we dare not refuse to obey the call."

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Eoin S. Mackay, M.A., at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Wednesday afternoon, October 1st, 1947. The church was filled to capacity with friends that learned, through long association, to love and admire Brother McGregor. The Masonic Funeral Service was held under the Charter of Imperial Lodge No. 60, Saskatoon, and was conducted by M.W. Brother Hector Mackay, Grand Master, assisted by R.W. Brother Fred C. Wilson, Deputy Grand Master, and supported by M.W. Brothers Robert Young, W. L. Clink; R.W. Brothers W. H. Moor, Grand Senior Warden, Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary, C. A. Moir, D.D.G.M. District No. 5, and V.W. Brothers H. Sutherland, Grand Senior Deacon, S. W. Foster, Grand Organist, and T. H. Reeves, Grand Tyler. Our beautiful Masonic Funeral Rites were solemnly and reverently carried out in the presence of a large concourse of mourning Brethren representing over thirty Saskatchewan Lodges.

The weather was perfect, a beautiful fall day, with the golden tinted leaves gently dropping from the trees. It was an ideal setting for the conclusion of a life lovingly devoted to family, church, lodge, and everyday associates.

*"Were a star quenched on high,
For ages would its light
Still, wandering downward through the sky
Beam on our mortal sight.
So when a good man dies,
For years beyond our ken,
The light behind him shines
Upon the path of men."*

In Memory of

Nathanial B. Williams

Past Grand Master

who died suddenly at North Bend, Washington, U.S.A., enroute to Vancouver, B.C., on Saturday, October 25th, 1947 at the age of sixty-nine years.

*"Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,
While the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last
Shut thee from Heaven with a dome more vast
Till thou at last are free.
Leaving thine outgrown shell by Life's unresting sea."*

Most Worshipful Brother Williams was born on August 28th, 1878 near the village of Fergus in the county of Wellington, Ontario. He attended high school in Fergus from 1893 until 1896, obtaining Second Class Certificate and Junior Matriculation. He then attended model school in the village of Elora, obtaining his Third Class teacher's certificate. During the years 1897 and 1898 he taught public school three miles south of Elora. The following year he came West and in September attended normal school in Regina. He taught school in Saskatchewan from 1900 to 1904 and then returned to Ontario. In 1905 he came back to Saskatchewan and went into business in Abernethy in partnership with A. B. Gillespie, as general agents, and in the spring of 1918 he purchased his partner's interest in the firm. On September 1st, 1934, Brother Williams became chairman of the Saskatchewan Liquor Board and continued in that position until 1944.

From then until his death he has been an employee of the Federal Government. In 1914 he married Barbara Smith Strath, who died on May 10th, 1925. On August 6th, 1930 he married Elinore May Andrews, in the city of Victoria, B.C., who survives him.

Brother Williams was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He was a member of the Board of Managers of Knox Church, Abernethy from 1907 to 1924 and choir leader throughout that period.

As a student and young man he took a playing interest in football, lacrosse and baseball and during his residence in Abernethy was an active member of the curling club.

Brother Williams freely devoted his abundant energy and outstanding ability to community service. He was a member of Abernethy School Board from 1913 to 1919, and chairman thereof for the

greater part of that period; President of Abernethy Board of Trade for five years; Secretary Treasurer of Qu'Appelle Valley Associated Boards of Trade (which he helped to organize) for three years; Secretary Treasurer of North Qu'Appelle Agricultural Society from July, 1917 to September, 1934. At various times he served as President of Abernethy Community Hall Company; Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies Association; Saskatchewan Insurance Agents Association; Wa Wa Chanters; The Regina Canadian Club; The Regina Rotary Club and The Saskatchewan Provincial Liberal Association. He also served as District Governor Rotary International in 1942 and Chairman of the Regina City Victory Loan Committee in 1941.

Nathaniel B. Williams was initiated in Nanatah Lodge No. 53, Balcarres, August 18th, 1909. He became a Charter Member of Abernethy Lodge No. 77 in 1911 and served as Worshipful Master in 1914. He was a Life Member of Abernethy Lodge and an Honorary Member of King Hiram Lodge No. 104 and Banner Lodge No. 154, Regina. He served District No. 9 as D.D.G.M. in 1915, was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan in 1916, Grand Senior Warden in 1917, Deputy Grand Master in 1918 and installed Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1919. He was a member of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan continuously from 1916 and served on many important Committees of that board. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund from 1931 to 1946 and was President of the Board from 1936 to 1945. He contributed much to the development of Freemasonry in Saskatchewan.

Most Worshipful Brother Robert Young, one of his closest Masonic friends, in paying tribute said: "I will surely miss 'N.B.'. I haven't forgotten he was my Deputy Grand Master and I have always appreciated his assistance and advice."

The funeral services were conducted under the Charter of Acacia Lodge No. 22, British Columbia, by M.W. Brothers Rev. J. G. Brown, D.D. (Past Grand Master of British Columbia), Rev. W. B. Tate and Archdeacon J. K. Irwin (Past Grand Masters of Saskatchewan) at the "Chapel of Chimes" Vancouver, B.C. on Thursday, October 30th, 1947.

"ABIDE WITH ME"

*Abide with me, fast falls the even-tide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
Oh, thou who changest not, abide with me!*

*Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes!
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies,
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee,
In life and death, O Lord, abide with me!*

In Memory of

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Robert Andrew Dick

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DISTRICT No. 15, 1928

Died October 23rd, 1947

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Wilbur George

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DISTRICT No. 11, 1928

Died December 12th, 1947

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

James Dickson

GRAND STEWARD, 1922

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DISTRICT No. 13, 1925

Died October 6th, 1947

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Charley Russell Stewart

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DISTRICT No. 12, 1917

Died June 6th, 1947

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Gilbert Frank Gillespie

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DISTRICT No. 15, 1931

Died August 13th, 1947

In Memory of

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Albert Edward Armstrong

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DISTRICT No. 11, 1915

Died March 24th, 1947

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

George Washington Hooker

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DISTRICT No. 14, 1918

Died August 5th, 1947

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Alexander James McPherson

GRAND STEWARD, 1928

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DISTRICT No. 17, 1929

Died July 12th, 1947

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Harold Edwin Smith

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DISTRICT No. 16, 1921

Died July 25th, 1947

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

George Washington Pomeroy

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DISTRICT No. 14, 1928

Died June 28th, 1947

In Memory of

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

James Nottingham

GRAND STEWARD, 1935

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DISTRICT No. 16, 1937

Died February 26th, 1947

VERY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

George Spencer Croley

GRAND STEWARD, 1936

Died September 10th, 1947

VERY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Peter Duncan Armstrong

GRAND STEWARD, 1932

Died September 27th, 1947

VERY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Archie McGill

GRAND STEWARD, 1935

Died October 27th, 1947



In Memory of

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>
1.	Kinistino	William Stewart, William J. George, Delbert E. Simons
2.	Wascana	Idan J. Haug, Isaac W. Sneath, Charles C. Rigby, Albert Roberts, Henry G. Phillips, Harold C. M. Brown, Neil J. Taylor, Malcom C. Ross, Robert N. Strain
3.	Moose Jaw	Harold B. Hunter, Lachlan D. McTavish
4.	Qu'Appelle Valley	David M. Bullock, William C. Mapes
5.	Indian Head	Thomas McAfee, Joseph Shelford, Duncan Smith
6.	Qu'Appelle	John E. Pollock, Robert A. Hardy
7.	Moosomin	James Thompson, James A. Murray, Joseph T. Johnson
9.	Maple Leaf	Orrin Vadakin, Charles R. Evans
10.	Evening Star	James A. Duprau, Robert Mills, Eugene E. Thomlinson
11.	N.W.M.P.	Stephen B. Nelles, George G. Kinnon, Frank Law, James McAra, William W. Orr, Erwin W. Sutherland, Charles E. Hubbard
12.	Yorkton	Angus M. Ronald, Thomas Bright
13.	Duck Lake	John Stevens
14.	Sintaluta	Wilfred E. Partridge, Mervin E. Martin
15.	Amity	James T. Wilson
16.	Saskatchewan	Harry M. Dunham, Fred Oates
18.	Melfort	Charles H. Miner, Allison M. Ross, Walter W. Mansell
20.	Weyburn	Leonard McLeod, Alex D. Campbell, Arthur D. Ward
21.	Arcola	George F. Woodbury
23.	Britannia	Alfred Cross, Richard E. Stevenson
25.	Estevan	James A. Smith, Matthew T. Perry, Henry Vaughan
26.	Swift Current	Charles Thoreson, Benedict Golosoff, William Milburn, James M. Waller, James Y. Wallace, James S. McGraw
28.	Hanley	John L. Gessell
29.	Heward	John G. Patterson, James Coleman
31.	Ionic	Lars K. Sevick, Percy J. Green
32.	Golden Rule	James E. Johnson
33.	Davidson	Ross Keeler
36.	Bruce	Donald Mitchell
37.	Wapella	Edward S. Zingg
41.	Drinkwater	Charles M. Pannell
46.	Strasbourg	Arthur W. Hotham
48.	Grayson	Rowan F. Hardy
49.	Assiniboia	William G. Elliott, William H. Aitkin, William Henry Duncan, William W. MacNeill, Horace J. Sharpe, John Nicoll, Andrew G. Smith, William H. Davis

In Memory of

<i>No. Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>
51. Touchwood	Lewis H. Reeve
52. Border	William H. Coney
54. Buchanan	William T. Ralston
55. Craik	George P. Newlove
59. Canora	Robert A. Dick, Franklin S. Partridge, John W. Phillippi
60. Imperial	Peter G. McDonald, Thomas Reynolds, James McGregor, Robert H. Potter, Henri Marie Henniquin, Harry Hogan
61. Rocanville	Andrew Lockhart
62. Melville	Thomas Chasty, Percy C. Crosby
63. Prince Albert	Arthur W. Pierard, Harry T. Peters
65. Outlook	Charles J. McMillan
66. Wynyard	William C. Needham
69. Carrot River	William C. Davidson
70. Cypress	Roy E. Smith, Wilbur George
73. Unity	John H. Ford, John W. Bishop, Robert G. McKinnon, James Dickson
75. Harmony	Benjamin J. Brandrith
76. Tisdale	John M. Barrowman, James R. Homer
77. Abernethy	John A. Diehl, Thomas Armstrong, John L. Bonnor, Nathaniel B. Williams
80. Connaught	Joseph A. Cook
83. Meridian	Alfred C. Peckham
84. Lanigan	Lyle F. Wood
85. Zealandia	John E. Ellis
86. Kindersley	Frederick H. McWhinney, Charles R. Stewart, Benjamin C. Fraleigh, William J. Elliott
87. Wadena	Gilbert F. Gillespie
88. Briercrest	Albert E. Armstrong
89. Twin City	John Wicken
90. Kerrobert	Peter Leitch, Cyril H. D. Stephens
91. Rosetown	Nelles T. George, Thomas H. Smith
92. Lodge Progress	James C. Keane, James L. Bergin
94. Maryfield	William R. Carruthers, Harry R. Bell
97. Radisson	Allan H. Rae
98. Union	James Smith, Charles Stewart
99. Goose Lake	James W. Chovin
101. Acacia	Walter C. Brooker
103. Composite	Archibald Cowan
104. King Hiram	Nathaniel B. Williams
106. St. John's	James Reid, Eland L. Patterson
108. Long Lake	Harry F. Wintemute
109. Limerick	David Gurevich
110. Shaunavon	George A. Stevens, Victor F. Ross, Nels J. Uglum
111. Aneroid	George N. Willis
112. Woodrow	George W. Hooker, Benjamin Wholf

In Memory of

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>
113.	Broderick	Alexander J. McPherson
114.	Central Butte	Robert S. Lockwood
115.	Landis	Wesley Bouck
118.	Paragon	George Goldie
119.	Cabri	Jacob L. Pippinger, Harry M. Jennison, Daniel H. Joss, Albert McIntyre, Robert H. Ruthven, John Smith
120.	Ogema	David R. Lister
122.	Azure	John R. Middleton
125.	Latomia	Thomas D. Hargrave
126.	Cadillac	Robert J. Goodenough
127.	Birch Hills	Wells Bristol
128.	Meyronne	John H. Granville, John M. Horner
130.	Togo	Fred Albright, Alfred J. Cotterell
131.	Dinston	John E. Cameron
133.	Philathea	Harold E. Smith, Christopher L. Wallace
135.	Elrose	George E. Kinsman
136.	St. George	John E. Cooper, William Bartholomew
138.	Kincaid	George W. Pomeroy, William F. Hille
142.	Leader	Wesley Powell
143.	Hawarden	Byron R. Burwash
144.	Victory	Frederick J. MacDonald, James McGregor, Walter J. Weston
145.	Elfros	William McCloy
147.	Elstow	Wallace H. Easson, James Cranch, Frederick Yeager, Henry R. Sutherland
149.	Loverna	John P. Findlay
152.	Star City	George C. Rankin, Richard E. Armstrong
154.	Banner	George R. Seater, William R. Talbot Norman B. Rowntree, Nathaniel B. Williams
155.	Raymore	James Nottingham
162.	Saltcoats	Edward Gamble, George S. Croley
163.	Fillmore	John D. MacLean
164.	Milestone	John Jacobs
165.	St. Luke's	Archie McGill, Duncan E. McMillan
172.	Memorial	Wilfred Patteson
174.	St. Andrew's	Clarence H. Church, George J. Stephenson
175.	Radville	Dominick McGuirk
177.	Verwood	Walter R. Seibert
179.	Kelvington	John W. Stocks
181.	Tuberose	James G. Gillespie
183.	Nipawin	Harry A. Ellson, Henry J. Lawrence
186.	Emulation	Walter E. Arens, John A. Cheyne
188.	Glenedyth	Sidney E. Minty
189.	Herschel	Peter D. Armstrong
192.	Sovereign	Benjamin F. Piercy, William H. Waite

OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE

Elected at its foundation, August, 1906, and annually since.

* Deceased.
† Left the jurisdiction.

Year	G.M.	D.G.M.	G.S.W.	G.J.W.	G. Treas.	G. Sec'y.	Gr. Regist.
1906	*H. H. Campkin	*C. O. Davidson	*H. Jagger	W. B. Tate	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*A. H. Smith
1907	*H. H. Campkin	*C. O. Davidson	*H. Jagger	W. B. Tate	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*A. H. Smith
1908	*H. Jagger	*H. Jagger	W. B. Tate	*J. McGurrl	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*H. C. Lisie
1909	*H. Jagger	*H. Jagger	W. B. Tate	*Wm. Hopkins	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. S. Proctor
1910	*H. Jagger	*H. Jagger	W. B. Tate	*A. S. Gorrell	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*D. P. Kennedy
1911	*Wm. Hopkins	*A. S. Gorrell	*W. B. Willoughby	*L. T. McDonald	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1912	*A. S. Gorrell	*W. B. Willoughby	*L. T. McDonald	*W. M. Thomson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1913	*W. B. Willoughby	*L. T. McDonald	*W. M. Thomson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1914	*L. T. McDonald	*W. M. Thomson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1915	*W. M. Thomson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1916	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1917	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1918	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1919	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1920	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1921	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1922	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1923	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1924	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1925	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1926	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1927	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
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1929	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1930	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1931	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1932	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1933	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
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1937	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1938	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1939	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1940	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1941	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1942	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1943	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1944	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1945	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1946	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1947	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly
1948	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. B. Reilly

STATISTICAL TABLE—

	No. of Lodge	Per Capita Membership, March, 1947	Initiated	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended	Deaths	Com. L. Mbrs.	Per Capita Membership, March, 1948.	Com. L. Mbrs.	Total Membership	Meetings Held Regular	Meetings Held Emergent	Average Attendance
Kinistino.....	1	146	17	4		4		2	2	159	34	193	10	20	33
Wascana.....	2	207	9	5	5	4		6	2	214	45	259	10	11	18
Moose Jaw.....	3	304	7	6	3	5	1	2	5	307	38	345	10	13	35
Qu'Appelle Valley	4	49	3	5		2			3	52	15	67	12	2	18
Indian Head.....	5	119	1		2	2		3	5	112	5	117	13	7	42
Qu'Appelle.....	6	42				1		1		40	8	48	10	1	14
Moosomin.....	7	78	1							79	15	94	9	4	20
Ashlar.....	8	48	1			1				48	3	51	12	2	18
Maple Leaf.....	9	83	5			2				86		86	10	6	29
Evening Star.....	10	61	5	4	1	6			3	62	9	71	12	7	21
N.W.M.P.....	11	276	21	7	3	7	1	5	7	287	56	343	9	16	39
Yorkton.....	12	122	12	3		6		2	2	127	14	141	11	2	39
Duck Lake.....	13	23				2		1	5	15	7	22	4		90
Sintaluta.....	14	51				2	1	2		46		46	9	1	11
Amity.....	15	35	2			1				36	27	63	10	5	14
Saskatchewan.....	16	331	18	10		2		1	4	352	54	406	10	30	15
Carlyle.....	17	53	11	1		3				62	6	68	10	4	25
Melfort.....	18	127	8	1		7		2	2	125	16	141	12	7	30
Battle.....	19	66	6	1	1	3		1		70	21	91	10	2	27
Weyburn.....	20	125	4	5	3	3		3		131	2	133	10		46
Arcola.....	21	57	4					1		60	4	64	9		20
Rosthern.....	22	38	4			2			1	39	3	42	13	4	81
Britannia.....	23	70	2	1	1	3		2		69	6	75	10	3	20
Wolesey.....	24	39	4						1	42	3	45	10	1	16
Estevan.....	25	91	4	1	1	2			1	94	30	124	10	4	28
Swift Current.....	26	153	12	4		2		4	1	162	14	176	10	18	35
Alameda.....	27	34	7		1					42	2	44	11	3	17
Hanley.....	28	53	3	1	1		1	1	1	55	5	60	10	2	14
Heward.....	29	19	2			1				20	5	25	5	3	10
New Hope.....	30	44	5			1				48	5	53	10	3	11
Ionic.....	31	123	13	5		5		1	6	129	48	177	10	11	34
Golden Rule.....	32	48	3			1				50	4	54	10	3	55
Davidson.....	33	81	2	1		1				83	7	90	10	2	22
Lang.....	34	56	4		1					61		61	12		19
Prince Rupert.....	35	57	3	2		1			1	60	30	90	10	5	16
Bruce.....	36	48	2					1		49	2	51	8	2	10
Wapella.....	37	47		1			1	1		46	2	48	11	2	12
Ekapo.....	38	57	2	1						60	7	67	13	5	18
Boscurevis.....	39	47	4	2	2	2				53	3	56	10	2	20
Rouleau.....	40	72	5	2		3			1	75	26	101	10	2	61
Drinkwater.....	41	75	3	1				1		78	7	85	12	2	43
Caron.....	42	71				1				70	8	78	8	3	20
Ishpaming.....	43	26	3	1					1	29	6	35	12	2	75
Landmark.....	44	76	3	2	2	1	1			81	6	87	11	1	25
Aurora.....	45	36								36	1	37	11	3	11
Strasbourg.....	46	38	4		2	2				42	7	49	11	1	14
Cupar.....	47	35	3	1		1				38	1	39	10	4	16
Grayson.....	48	28	1			2	1	1	1	24	10	34	12		13
Assiniboia.....	49	254	22	6	1	5		6	2	270	22	292	9	14	26
Golden Fleece.....	50	49	2	1						52	4	56	7	2	16

—CONSTITUENT LODGES

Amount Paid for Local Relief	Mbrs. 12 months in Arrears	Total Arrearages	Cash on Hand	Assets	Liabilities	Insurance in Force	No. Visits by D.D.G.M.	Does Lodge own its own Hall?
72.77	29	260.00	3,503.98	7,813.98	119.00	2,000.00	1	Pt.
175.00	20	178.85	1,151.71	14,425.56	817.62	200.00	2	Pt.
400.00	27	129.75	2,771.84	78,594.97	537.30	500.00	1	Yes
45.00	3	15.00	43.17	7,379.32	45.00	2,500.00	1	Yes
66.00	5	64.00	250.52	1,106.56		500.00	1	No
30.00	9	84.98	502.66	5,340.64	40.00	2,500.00	1	Yes
	13	85.00	63.53	786.98	44.00	1,000.00	1	No
	4	28.00	116.90	3,718.90		2,500.00	1	Yes
			415.14	2,695.14		1,000.00	1	No
70.50	1	20.00	398.77	1,420.25	101.17	500.00	1	No
324.00	20	186.00	1,363.78	13,002.78	436.60	250.00	2	Pt.
128.00	19	183.00	1,010.46	5,527.46	65.00	200.00	1	No
	7	72.00	126.11	998.11	12.00	400.00	1	No
	40	500.00	275.00	2,675.00		2,700.00	1	Pt.
	1	5.00	212.80	627.80	16.00	400.00	1	No
126.45	55	593.35	2,820.25	12,078.60	432.85	400.00	1	Pt.
	21	350.00	302.42	812.42	135.00	450.00	1	No
	5	50.00	1,226.00	6,026.00	800.00	2,825.00	1	Yes
46.00	4	40.00	575.31	1,608.31	70.00	500.00	1	No
22.50	13	8.00	440.00	8,977.76	246.40	10,750.00	1	Pt.
	9	72.00	572.27	632.27	112.00	500.00	1	No
			115.91	4,565.91	22.00	2,900.00	1	Yes
	14	122.50	605.74	4,978.24		6,000.00	1	Yes
	8	204.00	207.23	1,061.23	24.00	250.00	1	No
	23	320.00	1,758.46	2,030.46	40.00	7,000.00	1	No
18.00	32	330.05	1,702.43	12,744.27	470.22	6,000.00	1	Yes
			548.72	658.72			1	No
	4	36.00	203.43	2,239.43	62.00	800.00	1	No
	3	34.00	168.79	1,267.79		8,000.00	1	Yes
	9	73.00	1,039.58	1,312.58	28.00	200.00	1	No
	8	115.00	904.83	11,427.30	195.00	500.00	1	No
	1	7.00	725.73	1,353.73	14.00	300.00	2	No
17.00	13	188.00	265.74	1,677.13	216.00	500.00	2	No
	2	16.00	54.16	1,616.23	68.00	1,250.00	1	Yes
25.00	12	99.60	65.29	4,746.89	70.32	9,000.00		Yes
36.00	5	25.00	465.65	1,365.65	66.10			No
	7	42.00	3.68	3,703.68	1,484.00	3,500.00		Yes
				3,498.00	60.00	2,500.00	1	Yes
	20	196.00	789.64	1,685.64	16.00	750.00	1	No
10.00	17	145.00	354.48	5,041.75		2,000.00	1	Yes
	21	269.00	376.30	2,276.10	69.00	1,400.00	1	Yes
	5	27.50	255.17	3,057.67	90.00	1,500.00	1	Yes
	8	72.50	166.22	1,088.72	301.02	1,000.00	1	Yes
	9	81.00	660.08	4,422.08		3,300.00	1	Yes
	9	240.00	116.68	556.68		400.00	1	No
	4	48.00	218.00	809.52	103.60	600.00	1	No
	2	25.00	371.30	3,896.30		2,550.00	1	Yes
			809.88	809.88	5.00	300.00	1	No
100.00	38	342.65	1,098.66	12,450.66	732.65	200.00	2	Pt.
	8	50.00	186.30	2,295.30	44.60	2,300.00	1	Yes

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Touchwood.....	51	37	2			1				38	6	44	7	1	16
Border.....	52	35	4	1	1			1		40		40	10	1	14
Nanatah.....	53	78	2			2				78	7	85	10	3	19
Buchanan.....	54	26	6			2		1	3	26	10	36	10		10
Craik.....	55	61	5			4		1		61		61	11	6	45
Elbow View.....	56	30				1				29	2	31	6	2	8
Prairie.....	57	58				1	2		1	54	7	61	10	2	13
King Solomon.....	58	64	7		2	5				68	18	86	12	2	25
Canora.....	59	30	6	2	2	1	1	1	1	36	11	47	10	3	14
Imperial.....	60	193	10	6	3	7	2	4	2	197	35	232	10	25	31.5
Rocanville.....	61	25	3	2				1	1	28	10	38	8		14
Melville.....	62	137	5	3	3	4	1	2	2	139	21	160	10	7	24
Prince Albert.....	63	153	13	6		7		2		163	23	186	10	13	33
Manitou.....	64	64	3	1	1	1				68	10	78	11	1	15
Outlook.....	65	38	2	1				1	1	39	2	41	8	1	8.6
Wynyard.....	66	65	5	3				1	3	69	9	78	14	1	15
Eyebrow.....	67	31				2	2		2	25	12	37	9		9
Govan.....	68	52	4			1			1	54	19	73	10	2	19
Carrot River.....	69	80	2	3				1		84		84	13		70
Cypress.....	70	67	4	2		1	2	1		69	16	85	10	5	27
Doric.....	71	121	11		1	5	3		1	124	16	140	10	10	32
Corinthian.....	72	72	2	2					2	74	12	86	11	2	68
Unity.....	73	81	3	1	1	1		4		81	2	83	12	1	22
Kilwinning.....	74	34			1	1				34	5	39	9	1	1.33
Harmony.....	75	38		1	1	1				39	4	43	12	3	15
Tisdale.....	76	131	7	7		11		2	1	131	10	141	12	5	36
Abernethy.....	77	74	3	2		5		2		72	4	76	12	4	24
Tugaske.....	78	54			1				1	54	10	64	13		19
Foam Lake.....	79	47	1			1				47		47	14	1	16
Connaught.....	80	32	4	1		1		1		35	4	39	8		20
Tuscan.....	81	54	4			4			1	53	1	54	11	5	22
Victoria.....	82	69	4			1				72	8	80	11	2	17
Meridian.....	83	42	6		1	1		1	5	42	13	55	12	3	18
Lanigan.....	84	43	1			1				43	8	51	12	2	14
Zealandia.....	85	38	2					1		39	5	44	11	3	17
Kindersley.....	86	123	6	2		8		2		121	11	132	11	3	27
Wadena.....	87	42	7	7	2	2	2	1		53		53	13	12	13
Briercrest.....	88	36	4	1		7				34	5	39	10	4	16
Twin City.....	89	82	7	2	1	4		1	2	85	13	98	10	11	28
KerRobert.....	90	108	3	1		5	1	2		104	10	114	12	2	27
Rosetown.....	91	100	6	6		1		2	1	108	23	131	10	10	25
Lodge Progress...	92	320	13	5	4	7	3	2	1	329	7	336	10	30	20
Morse.....	93	38	6			4			1	39	8	47	11	4	20
Maryfield.....	94	49	7		1	1		2		54	2	56	8	7	15
Evergreen.....	95	42	1	1			2			42	4	46	11	4	33
Yellow Grass.....	96	57	1	3						61		61	12	3	16
Radisson.....	97	43		1		1				43	8	51	13	1	16
Union.....	98	43	6			2		2	2	43	7	50	12	2	15
Goose Lake.....	99	59	1		1	2				59	3	62	12	3	48.6
Biggar.....	100	127	6			3				130	6	136	11	3	24.8
Acacia.....	101	61	5					1	1	64	5	69	10	2	22

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	3	44.00	213.61	2,833.61	1,530.00	195.00	2	Yes
	38	154.00	504.00	728.00			1	No
40.50	13	70.00	578.17	6,023.53		1,300.00	1	Yes
	16	100.00	297.35	1,972.35		1,000.00	1	Yes
	4	40.00	732.17	5,512.75	136.28	4,100.00	2	Yes
	5	60.00	235.67	1,145.67	20.00	400.00	1	No
	53	90.00	32.61	3,054.61	54.83	1,500.00	1	Yes
58.25	7	100.00	467.15	9,378.84	40.10	5,000.00	1	Yes
	3	20.00	352.20	3,575.22	13.26	1,500.00	1	Yes
171.28	22	300.28	849.90	6,997.18	308.23	300.00	1	Pt.
	5	24.00	146.65	965.15		250.00	1	No
72.00	10	95.00	1,027.29	9,188.79	1,522.00	5,000.00	1	Yes
	32	348.00	1,173.53	5,878.19		2,000.00	1	No
	12	118.29	552.07	3,530.36	151.34	750.00	1	No
	12	126.00	316.61	2,212.61			2	Yes
	4	28.00	1,165.80	6,243.80		1,000.00	2	No
	4	36.00	214.59	3,218.09	91.50	500.00	1	No
	10	237.00	39.31	8,608.40	556.84	7,750.00	1	Yes
60.00	16	482.00	1,025.00	6,385.47	80.00	3,000.00	1	Yes
	17	200.00	275.67	6,840.67	410.00	3,900.00	2	Yes
230.00	18	192.00	60.51	1,884.51	109.00	400.00	1	No
	6	54.00	922.28	2,216.28	212.45	750.00	2	No
	12	122.00	254.72	926.72	119.39	250.00	1	No
	6	76.00	86.58	1,443.58		750.00	1	No
	6	63.00	122.25	4,585.23	34.00	2,300.00	1	Yes
	10	130.00	467.73	7,311.08	152.00	8,000.00	1	Yes
50.00	20	215.00	276.00	1,511.61	63.00	350.00	1	No
			44.82	3,167.37	108.00	2,500.00	1	Yes
	1	30.00	563.92	2,149.92	110.00	200.00	1	No
	7	60.00	522.16	1,403.58		400.00		No
	14	154.10		13,959.06	3,519.17	8,500.00		Yes
	14	115.00	542.22	4,234.21	55.00	2,000.00	1	Yes
	5	46.00	508.50	2,554.50		1,500.00	1	Yes
20.00	1	10.00	518.60	1,378.60	20.00	500.00		No
18.00	4	51.00	190.96	5,433.71	72.00	3,100.00	1	Yes
	16	272.00	727.70	8,093.67	176.00	4,500.00	1	Yes
	3	48.00	369.47	1,379.47		1,000.00	1	No
	4	31.50	33.38	1,964.88	1,100.00	1,600.00	1	Yes
215.00	10	76.00	1,599.42	4,305.42	119.00	2,250.00	1	Yes
	15	152.00	251.60	10,252.75	123.00	4,900.00	1	Yes
	12	90.00	169.00	5,369.00	2,304.00	3,400.00	1	Yes
665.00	43	463.10	4,860.81	16,223.31	315.10	2,800.00	1	Pt.
	1	30.00	335.58	5,415.58	160.00	4,000.00	1	Yes
	10	107.00	460.00	675.00		300.00	1	No
	11	180.45	45.88	5,525.00	1,699.50	2,000.00	1	Yes
	12	172.00	703.73	2,500.73	265.48	200.00		No
24.00	3	22.50	35.86	1,378.36		250.00	1	No
	2	14.00	169.26	1,067.63	14.25	400.00	1	No
	5	40.00	123.88	448.88	27.00	200.00	1	No
	15	126.00	971.05	2,685.05	125.79	4,600.00	1	Yes
10.00	6	58.00	435.00	4,935.00		3,000.00	1	Yes

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Invermay	102	22	4							26	1	27	9	2	9
Composite	103	31	1				1	1		30	6	36	11		10
King Hiram	104	210	22	4	1	7	1	1	2	226	25	251	9	14	26
Gothic	105	49	2							51	2	53	12		17
St. John's	106	101	21	1		2		2	1	118	18	136	11	5	23
Mortlach	107	57	5						1	61	9	70	10	4	20
Long Lake	108	63	3			1		1		64	5	69	10	2	20
Limerick	109	66	4					1		69	1	70	12		21
Shaunavon	110	102	2			4		2	5	93	20	113	10	5	26
Aneroid	111	65	3			2		1		65	4	69	12	3	18
Woodrow	112	80	1		1	2			1	79	11	90	11	3	18
Broderick	113	35	3					1		37	1	38	10	2	12
Central Butte	114	57	1					1		57	4	61	12	3	13
Landis	115	34	3			1		1		35		35	9	6	15
Ceylon	116	34	1	2		1				36		36	9		12
Dundurn	117	33								33	2	35	2		65
Paragon	118	40	2					1		41		41	5	3	10
Cabri	119	100	3			2		6		95	2	97	12	4	22
Ogema	120	40	2	2		3		1	1	39	5	44	7	1	11
Simpson	121	45		1		1				45	1	46	7	3	13
Azure	122	76	3			1		1	2	75	12	87	10	2	20
Lancer	123	55				1	4		1	49	3	52	11		11
Mount Hermon	124	60	9							69	1	70	13	1	21
Latomia	125	104	9			2	3	1	1	106	2	108	10	5	27
Cadillac	126	28	4	1						32	1	33	10	2	9
Birch Hills	127	44	9		1	3		1		50	3	53	12	9	60
Meyronne	128	49	1	1				2	1	48	1	49	8	2	11
Mossbank	129	50	3			2				51	1	52	10	1	9
Togo	130	41	2		2	1	2	2		40	3	43	10	2	20
Dinston	131	78	6			4		1		79	4	83	12	5	23
Conquest	132	35	3						1	37	4	41	11	2	10
Philathea	133	60	2			1		2		59	1	60	10	2	16
Eston	134	105	14			8	1			110	16	126	10	5	29
Elrose	135	63	8	1						72	2	74	12	3	26
St. George	136	172	14	3		2	1	2	5	179	25	204	10	13	48
Tyrian	137	32	5			2	1		2	32	7	39	11	3	12
Kincaid	138	69	5			1			3	70	7	77	10	3	16
Riverhurst	139	32		1						33	2	35	12	2	14
Sceptre	140	31	2						1	32	1	33	10	1	10
Progressive	141	65	2		2				1	68	2	70	12	2	18
Leader	142	64	2				1	1		64	4	68	11	1	15
Hawarden	143	39	4	1		1		1		42		42	11	7	14.5
Victory	144	199	13	2	1	6		2	6	201	19	220	10	20	18.9
Elfros	145	53	1			4		1		49	2	49	8	2	20.5
Asquith	146	35								35		37	11	2	65
Elstow	147	42	1	1		3		2		39	3	42	8	4	33.3
Dunblane	148	40	1			1			1	39	2	41	5		8
Loverna	149	37	3			2	1	1	2	34	3	37	10	1	11.1
Wawota	150	25	4							29	1	30	8	1	10
Viscount	151	42	1							43	2	45	11	2	9
Star City	152	52	5		2	4		1		54	2	56	12	1	52

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	5	46.00	240.61	3,676.61		1,200.00	1	Yes
24.00	2	16.00	257.00	1,947.00	104.00	450.00	1	No
262.76	31	217.00	1,241.37	2,960.37	274.00	500.00	2	Pt.
	5	24.00	553.94	7,692.94	12.00	5,700.00	1	Yes
	13	100.00	626.94	6,018.94	319.03	350.00	2	No
60.00	13	119.00	416.37	3,236.06	147.50	600.00	1	No
	16	126.00	238.82	2,554.82	245.00	2,100.00	1	Yes
	11	140.00	75.00	1,200.00	140.00	500.00	1	No
140.00	21	167.00	395.20	8,640.77	69.75	1,000.00	1	No
	6	40.00	244.69	3,841.21	170.00	400.00	1	No
	4	36.00	850.83	1,846.83	190.00	350.00	1	No
			31.68	2,280.68	28.68	1,700.00	1	Yes
	27	227.50		3,495.54	28.10	2,500.00	1	Yes
	4	28.00	356.10	1,334.10		300.00	1	No
	4	48.50	347.55	1,996.05		1,200.00		No
	31	248.00	365.85	1,019.35	12.00	225.00		No
	2	18.00	289.10	1,517.10	116.00	200.00	1	No
55.00	9	110.00	268.64	2,613.64	134.00	500.00	1	No
36.20	4	40.00	284.32	4,099.32	10.00	2,250.00		Yes
60.22	1	7.15	610.33	1,017.48	103.00	250.00	1	No
	23	168.00	777.08	6,345.08		3,100.00	1	Yes
	18	243.00	203.12	2,803.12	10.00	1,200.00	1	Yes
18.00			196.00	3,617.66	66.00	300.00	2	No
96.00	12	150.00	566.07	5,266.07	140.00	100.00	2	Pt.
	3	27.40	410.50	1,537.90	102.20	200.00	1	No
	9	148.00	1,330.53	2,698.88	269.50	1,750.00	1	Yes
15.00			261.00	261.00		150.00	1	No
	16	420.00	289.66	4,809.66		3,500.00	1	Yes
4.00	2	13.00	92.61	2,905.61	247.53	1,300.00	1	Yes
120.00	5	37.50	182.00	3,888.50	96.50	2,750.00	2	Yes
	4	41.80	191.56	1,569.56	256.50	400.00	2	No
	16	173.00	549.46	4,097.46	67.00	1,600.00		No
	18	231.40	222.31	11,622.60	160.00	1,000.00	1	Yes
195.00	1	5.00	420.30	5,425.30	245.00	3,300.00	1	Yes
180.00	20	192.00	748.88	3,273.34	84.00	300.00	2	No
	5	60.00	364.87	2,969.87	50.00	1,000.00	1	Yes
60.00	25	273.00	393.46	1,866.46		250.00	1	No
40.00	6	77.00	226.79	3,303.79	55.00	1,750.00	1	Yes
	4	70.00	65.74	2,955.74	60.00	3,300.00	2	Yes
65.00		355.00	502.65	2,707.65		1,800.00	1	Yes
			1,043.93	5,093.93		4,500.00	1	Yes
30.00	2	20.00	66.93	2,454.93	.25	1,900.00	2	Yes
90.88	24	233.00	1,710.62	6,113.87	226.00	500.00	1	Pt.
	2	16.00	288.24	3,379.24	48.00	2,250.00	1	Yes
	3	15.00	5.09	1,900.09		1,300.00	1	No
87.00	6	100.00	152.31	1,272.31	16.00		1	No
	1	12.00	77.20	2,327.20		925.00	1	Yes
	3	24.60	164.73	1,002.03	100.55	200.00	1	No
	4	25.00	260.53	785.53	13.91	260.00		No
	16	155.00	106.89	3,031.89		1,900.00	1	Yes
150.00	8	80.00	1,015.24	5,622.24	60.00	2,800.00	1	Yes

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Banner.....	154	219	12	6	5	6	1	4	3	228	27	255	9	10	28
Raymore.....	155	37		1		1	1	1		35		35	12	3	16
Avonlea.....	156	47		4		2				49	2	51	6	1	13
York.....	157	25	2			2				25	4	29	6		6
Borden.....	158	57	4				2			59	4	63	13		21
Cut Knife.....	160	45	2	1		1				47		47	12		12
Welwyn.....	161	20	3	1		2				22	1	23	10		10
Saltcoats.....	162	22	1			1		2		20		20	8	3	12
Fillmore.....	163	36		1				1		36	1	37	6		10
Milestone.....	164	48	3	3		2		1		51	1	52	10	1	60
St. Luke's.....	165	70	1			2		2	1	66	5	71	12	3	23.9
Wakaw.....	166	42	2			3				41		41	12	1	80
Preeceville.....	167	48	4	1		1			2	50	6	56	12	9	15
Earl Grey.....	168	40	2	2		1	1			42	3	45	10	3	14
Quill Lake.....	169	32	3							35		35	5	2	8
Sharon.....	170	34	1	1						36	1	37	9	1	13
Shellbrook.....	171	79	6		1	1				85	3	88	12	7	50
Memorial.....	172	79	9			3	2	1		82	3	85	10	8	25
Lakeview.....	173	42	1	1		1				43		43	11	1	55
St. Andrews.....	174	267	28	10	2	6	2	2	4	293	9	302	9	19	28
Radville.....	175	46	5	1		1		1		50	2	52	10	2	15
Gray.....	176	49	1							50	1	51	9		15
Verwood.....	177	68	2	1	1	3		1		68	1	69	9	1	16
Norquay.....	178	29				3				26		26	1		
Kelvington.....	179	35	5	3				1		42		42	11	7	14
Herbert.....	180	39	4							43	1	44	12	4	14
Tuberose.....	181	46	6	1		1		1		51	4	55	12	3	17
Lonach.....	182	32	2				1			33	2	35	11	1	17
Nipawin.....	183	70	7	2		2		2		75		75	13	2	40
Osage.....	184	32	6			2				36	1	37	8	6	20
Loyalty.....	185	33	4	1		1				37	1	38	11	2	16
Emulation.....	186	98	12			1		2	2	105	4	109	10	10	26
Lucky Lake.....	187	31	2			1				32	1	33	8		7
Glenedyth.....	188	59	1	1		2		1		58	1	59	11	1	37
Herschel.....	189	39	4	1	1	2		1		42	1	43	11	6	15
Turtleford.....	190	36	7	1		4				40		40	12	1	11
Macrorie.....	191	30								30		30	12		18.5
Sovereign.....	192	47		1		1		2		45		45	9	4	19.2
Mazenod.....	193	36	2			1			1	36	2	38	8	3	10
Vanguard.....	194	44	5	2	1	4				48		48	9	1	19
Pleasantdale.....	195	37	2			3				36		36	9	4	36
Lacadena.....	196	68	4			1				71	1	72	10	4	22
Chaplin.....	197	35	2							37		37	12	1	12
Colfax.....	198	34	1							35	2	37	6		16
Admiral.....	199	26	2				3			25		25	9	2	11
Hudson Bay.....	200	45	3	4		1			1	50	1	51	9	2	15
Glentworth.....	201	24	5							29		29	11	1	16.5
Rose Valley.....	202	16	9							25		25	11	9	12
Meadow Lake.....	203	25	7	4		3				33		33	11	6	19
Northern Light.....	204	19	6	1						26		26	11	6	16
Aberdeen.....	U.D.	16	11	3						30		30	7	9	81

Amount Paid for Local Relief	Mbrs. 12 months in Arrears	Total Arrearages	Cash on Hand	Assets	Liabilities	Insurance in Force	No. Visits by D.D.G.M.	Does Lodge own its own Hall?
357.12	19	229.00	794.29	15,303.63	948.32	250.00	1	Pt.
			5.82	1,255.82	20.00	1,200.00	1	Yes
	4	55.38	121.14	4,171.14	240.00	3,500.00		Yes
	5	40.00	661.40	941.40	8.00	300.00	1	No
	18	211.75	1,046.62	2,358.37	16.14	1,800.00	1	Yes
	11	133.00	440.15	1,783.15	42.10	250.00	1	No
	1	8.00	285.14	418.14	24.00	150.00	1	No
	1	10.00	77.42	1,777.42	100.00	1,600.00	2	Yes
	16	140.00	277.34	777.34		400.00	1	No
	5	65.00	544.09	4,537.09	1,569.00	3,000.00	1	Yes
60.00	10	63.90	1,044.35	2,786.33	60.00	3,375.00	1	Yes
	5	100.00	85.47	1,335.47		400.00	1	No
15.00	2	21.00	75.26	3,056.26	52.00	1,600.00	1	Yes
	9	104.00	588.95	2,166.95	48.00	1,500.00	1	Yes
			509.59	2,159.59		400.00	1	No
	7	177.00	606.20	3,783.20	70.00	2,870.00	1	Yes
54.52	5	59.00	213.44	1,957.19		1,000.00	1	No
	20	175.50	939.22	2,405.72	101.57	300.00	1	No
	5	22.50	80.52	778.02		250.00	1	No
74.00	19	207.50	1,916.58	13,125.08	632.50	350.00	1	Pt.
41.30	4	48.00	236.91	3,736.98	64.00			No
20.00	9	84.00	683.08	3,273.08		1,500.00	1	Yes
5.00	10	154.00	527.47	1,796.47	89.50	750.00	1	No
	10	295.00	66.42	2,461.42	90.23		1	No
24.00	5	64.00	85.23	917.23		500.00	2	No
40.00			328.65	328.65		300.00	1	No
	3	40.00	362.45	4,396.22		3,150.00	2	Yes
36.00	2	16.00	81.00	2,227.00	80.00	1,800.00	1	Yes
10.00	9	195.00	262.75	11,732.75	5,630.00	8,500.00	1	Yes
24.00	7	114.00	259.04	1,223.04		300.00	2	No
	5	60.00	426.18	1,286.18		200.00	1	No
	30	568.50	297.54	10,866.04	2,267.75	200.00	1	Pt.
	8	101.00	244.77	1,873.77	6.94	240.00	1	No
31.00	12	184.00	104.47	965.47	32.00	200.00	1	No
	4	40.00	507.45	1,147.45	48.00	400.00	1	No
32.25	5	36.00	654.16	2,680.16	97.65	200.00	1	No
	2	14.00	439.78	1,117.33	90.00	500.00	1	No
	1	5.00	709.25	5,614.25		2,500.00	1	Yes
			150.56	2,310.56	5.00	1,200.00	1	Yes
	8	135.00	387.91	1,737.91		450.00	1	No
	8	180.00	379.53	839.53		350.00	1	No
	2	16.00	1,165.90	2,951.90	267.00	200.00	1	No
	3	40.00	439.00	3,300.69		1,500.00	1	Yes
	1	7.00	543.26	2,450.26	63.00	1,500.00		Yes
16.00	4	78.00	376.12	1,350.82	50.00	1,430.00	1	No
	3	24.00	340.05	1,524.05		500.00	1	No
			347.63	947.63		600.00	1	No
	7	34.00	345.74	879.74		500.00	1	No
			11.65	4,053.24	3,272.76	3,500.00	1	Yes
	3	30.00	286.57	991.57	336.00	400.00	1	No
	4	7.95	617.76	1,225.71	86.74	600.00	3	No

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

To Sask.		Jurisdiction		From Sask.
F. T. Fraser	Tisdale	Alabama	J. D. Pruett	Boaz
A. A. Wilson	Regina	Alberta	W. J. Botterill	Red Deer
A. Greaves	Saskatoon	Arizona	J. K. Chilton	Clifton
R. W. Kirkby	Prince Albert	Arkansas	J. Leroy Davis	Dequeen
W. McDougald	Rosetown	Br. Columbia	H. B. Morley	Penticton
Fred C. Wilson	Regina	Canada in Ont.	R. E. Mills	Elora
F. J. Truran	Qu'Appelle	Chile	Clifford A. Nunn	Santiago
W. C. Shearer	Nipawin	Colorado	C. S. Desch, Jr.	Denver
W. G. Robinson	Francis	Connecticut	G. B. Lewis	Naugatuck
R. H. Chant	Foam Lake	Costa Rica	Alex Murray	San Jose
S. R. Stephens	Moose Jaw	Cuba	Jaime de Sola Graupera	Habana
G. H. Hummel	Nokomis	Delaware	A. H. Morris	Lewes
W. M. Martin	Regina	Denmark (Nat. Gd. Ldg. of)	Alex Troedsson	Copenhagen
W. M. Martin	Regina	D. of Columbia	H. F. Johnson	Washington
J. R. Young	Saskatoon	England	T. T. Blockley	Oxford
F. H. Auld	Regina	Florida	Wm. F. Hansen	Pensacola
J. D. Watson	Regina	France (Nat. Gd. Ldg. of)	G. H. Hargreaves	Paris
A. W. L. Mann	Tessier	Georgia	A. T. Harrison	Brunswick
Robt. A. Tate	Regina	Idaho	H. P. Glinderman	C. d'Alene
		Illinois	Roscoe C. Clark	LaGrange
		Indiana	S. B. Pettengill	South Bend
		Iowa—does not exchange representatives.		
W. B. Tate	Regina	Ireland	J. W. H. Davies	Waterford
E. H. Knowles	Regina	Kansas	J. H. Trice	Medicine Lodge
Wm. Pedersen	Milestone	Kentucky	W. C. Black	Barbourville
T. J. Ford	Saskatoon	Louisiana	C. P. Derveloy	Alexandria
H. Mackay	Melville	Maine	A. A. Smith	Bangor
F. C. Hayes	Swift Current	Manitoba	A. Burgess	Winnipeg
A. H. Stevens	Climax	Maryland	F. H. Ankeney	Cumberland
A. E. Miscampbell	Regina	Massachusetts	James Young	Salem
C. P. Moore	Weyburn	Mexico (York)	H. M. Campbell	Mexico City
C. H. Boyd	Moose Jaw	Michigan	Ira A. Beck	Battle Creek
J. F. McLarty	N. Battleford	Minnesota	R. E. Van Kirk	St. Paul
J. O. Clarke	Regina	Mississippi	N. S. Kearney	Leland
W. J. Smith	Regina	Missouri	W. S. MacAarón	Boonville
M. Musk	Prince Albert	Montana	H. C. Smith	Miles City
A. S. Pipes	Moose Jaw	Nebraska	H. H. Thom	Omaha
D. A. McMillan	Lacadena	Nevada	F. H. Norcross	Carson City
G. G. Grant	Regina	New Brunswick	J. McAlden	St. John
T. H. Pendlebury	Moose Jaw	New Hampshire	J. J. Tilton	Effing
T. L. Ferguson	Shaunavon	New Jersey	J. W. Kempson	Maplewood
S. J. A. Branion	Prince Albert	New Mexico	F. H. Alpers	Cimarron
E. H. M. Knowles	Regina	N. S. Wales	F. L. Hodgson	Sydney
A. M. Bell	Adanac	New York	M. M. Levison	New York
J. R. Yorke	Regina	New Zealand	J. D. Webster	Auckland
N. R. Craig	Moose Jaw	N. Carolina	H. A. Hewell	Henderson
A. C. Garner	Regina	N. Dakota	P. O. Sathre	Bismarck
		Nova Scotia	H. C. Oxley	Sheet Harbour
		Ohio	G. W. Montgomery	Youngston
E. W. Heffer	Tompkins	Oklahoma	W. E. Goode	Canton
H. S. Maxwell	Regina	Oregon	I. W. Hope	Vale

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C. S. Preston.....Carnduff	Paraiba.....D. Mororo.....	Joao Pessoa
F. A. Williamson.....Regina	Ph. Islands.....Vin. Orosa.....	Cabanatuan
	P.E. Island.....Wm. McLean.....	Kensington
	Puerto Rico.....R. R. Pabon.....	San Juan
W. O. Fraser.....Oxbow	Quebec.....G. S. Burrows.....	St. Lambert
A. F. McFaul.....Zealandia	Queensland.....N. J. Langtry.....	Brisbane
T. Guest.....Saskatoon	Rhode Island.....J. C. Collins.....	Providence
J. E. Rodney.....Kerrobert	Rio de Janeiro.....I. D. Costa.....	Rio de Janeiro
R. Young.....Prince Albert	Scotland.....Rt. Hon. Earl of Stair	Edinburgh
R. L. Hanbidge.....Kerrobert	S. Australia.....J. E. Walton.....	Adelaide
J. C. Carter.....Outlook	S. Carolina.....J. E. Hart.....	York
	S. Dakota.....E. M. Westby.....	Madison
W. H. Moor.....Saskatoon	Tennessee.....B. T. Dawkins.....	Memphis
A. G. McLean.....Raymore	Texas.....J. M. Martin.....	Abilene
F. A. Dunk.....Regina	Utah.....J. F. Woolley.....	Salt Lake City
W. L. Clink.....Battleford	Vermont.....J. C. Thomas.....	Orwell
Wm. Leith.....Glamis	Victoria.....R. G. Ball.....	Melbourne
D. Fraser.....Regina	Virginia.....J. L. Brown.....	Lynchburg
A. O. Brooks.....Abernethy	Washington.....J. M. Roberts.....	Tacoma
E. C. Bird.....Regina	W. Australia.....Ven. Dean Moore.....	Perth
F. B. O'Neil.....Langham	W. Virginia.....Ward M. Downs.....	Charleston
F. M. Hodson.....Rosthern	Wisconsin.....C. Kummer.....	Sheboygan

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Arizona.....	J. A. Ivey.....	Box 1488, Tucson
Arkansas.....	W. A. Thomas.....	Little Rock
British Columbia.....	W. R. Simpson.....	Vancouver
California.....	L. E. Wilson.....	San Francisco
Canada in Ontario.....	E. G. Dixon.....	Hamilton
Chile.....	Rene Court F.....	Casilla No. 2867, Santiago
Colorado.....	H. W. Bundy.....	Denver
Connecticut.....	E. K. Haling.....	Hartford
Costa Rica.....	Enrique Chaves B.....	San Jose
Cuba.....	C. P. Gutierrez.....	La Habana
Cuscatlan.....	J. L. Tellez.....	San Salvador
Delaware.....	C. R. Jones.....	Wilmington
Denmark (Nat. Grand Lodge of).....	Alex Troedsson.....	Copenhagen
District of Columbia.....	A. H. Clayton.....	Washington
England.....	S. A. White.....	London, W.C. 2
Florida.....	G. W. Huff.....	Jacksonville
Georgia.....	D. W. Locklin.....	Macon
Guatemala.....	Dr. Jose Maria Lima.....	Apt. 312, C.A., Guatemala
Idaho.....	C. I. Rush.....	Box 1677, Boise
Illinois.....	R. C. Davenport.....	Harrisburg
Indiana.....	D. L. Smith.....	Indianapolis

Iowa.....	E. B. Delzell.....	Cedar Rapids
Ireland.....	H. C. Shellard.....	Dublin
Kansas.....	E. F. Strain.....	Topeka
Kentucky.....	A. E. Orton.....	Louisville
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Manitoba.....	P. T. Pilkey.....	Winnipeg
Maryland.....	Claud Shaffer.....	Baltimore
Massachusetts.....	F. H. Hilton.....	Boston
Mexico (York).....	C. E. Devries.....	Mexico, D.F.
Michigan.....	F. H. Newton.....	Grand Rapids
Minnesota.....	J. H. Anderson.....	St. Paul
Mississippi.....	S. F. Curtis.....	Meridian
Missouri.....	H. L. Reader.....	St. Louis
Montana.....	L. T. Hauberg.....	Box 896, Helena
Nebraska.....	C. R. Greisen.....	Omaha
Netherlands.....	Dr. A. A. Galestin.....	The Hague
Nevada.....	E. C. Peterson.....	Carson City
New Brunswick.....	R. D. Magee.....	Saint John
New Hampshire.....	J. M. Dresser.....	Concord
New Jersey.....	Isaac Cherry.....	Trenton
New Mexico.....	La Moine Langston.....	Box 535, Albuquerque
New South Wales.....	J. S. Miller.....	Sydney
New York.....	G. R. Irving.....	New York
New Zealand.....	H. A. Lamb.....	Box 1193, Wellington
North Carolina.....	W. L. McIver.....	Box 3068, Raleigh
North Dakota.....	W. L. Stockwell.....	Fargo
Nova Scotia.....	R. V. Harris.....	Halifax
Ohio.....	H. S. Johnson.....	Cincinnati
Oklahoma.....	C. A. Sturgeon.....	Guthrie
Oregon.....	H. D. Proudfoot.....	Portland
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Para.....	F. T. DeAraujo.....	Belem, Para
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Rhode Island.....	N. A. Hyland.....	Providence
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Scotland.....	W. K. Gillies.....	Edinburgh
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South Carolina.....	O. F. Hart.....	Columbia
South Dakota.....	E. F. Strain.....	Box 468, Sioux Falls
Tasmania.....	H. A. Wilkinson.....	Hobart
Tennessee.....	T. E. Doss.....	Box 216, Nashville
Texas.....	G. H. Belew.....	Box 446, Waco
Utah.....	E. R. Gibson.....	Salt Lake City
Vermont.....	A. H. Grout.....	Burlington
Victoria.....	W. Stewart.....	Melbourne
Virginia.....	Dr. J. N. Hillman.....	Richmond
Washington.....	J. I. Preissner.....	Tacoma
Western Australia.....	F. W. M. Sanders.....	Perth
West Virginia.....	I. W. Coffman.....	Box 2346, Charleston
Wisconsin.....	W. F. Weiler.....	Milwaukee
Wyoming.....	I. E. Clark.....	Casper

LODGE DIRECTORY

Lodges marked with an (*) install on anniversary of St. John the Baptist.
All other Lodges install on anniversary of St. John the Evangelist.

For location and date of meeting see District Directory following:—

No.	Lodge	Master	Secretary	Dist. No.
1	Kinistino.....	L. L. Cowie.....	W. E. Bristowe.....	1
2	Wascana.....	J. M. Wessel.....	H. Willsmer.....	2
3	Moose Jaw.....	G. A. Ferguson.....	J. Wilson.....	3
4	Qu'Appelle Valley.....	F. Booth.....	P. E. Cooper.....	4
5	Indian Head.....	J. M. McLeod.....	F. O. Burrill.....	4
6	*Qu'Appelle.....	D. Ramsay.....	J. F. Bell.....	4
7	*Moosomin.....	H. F. Armstrong.....	A. H. D. Sharp.....	9
8	Ashlar.....	W. Reid.....	J. G. Telford.....	9
9	Maple Leaf.....	F. L. Bettis.....	A. M. Currie.....	11
10	Evening Star.....	W. J. Zeggil.....	C. H. Johnston.....	9
11	N. W. M. P.....	G. H. Bennett.....	H. R. Robinson.....	2
12	Yorkton.....	J. J. Willoughby.....	T. R. Luke.....	10
13	Rosthern Duck Lake.....	W. J. Siebert.....	E. St. G. Hodson.....	1
14	*Sintaluta.....	D. H. Ewart.....	W. G. Blakely.....	4
15	Amity.....	C. S. Holland.....	W. J. McGowan.....	8
16	Saskatchewan.....	T. H. Purvis.....	F. E. Smith Jones.....	5
17	*Carlyle.....	E. M. Baker.....	G. F. Kells.....	8
18	*Melfort.....	I. Scott.....	W. Lonsdale.....	1
19	Battle.....	E. H. Clink.....	H. S. May.....	7
20	Weyburn.....	J. D. Bell.....	P. K. Brown.....	6
21	*Arcola.....	J. L. Thompson.....	P. B. Thompson.....	8
23	Britannia.....	T. D. Thrower.....	B. Ellis.....	7
24	*Wolseley.....	R. H. Wilson.....	W. McClenaghan.....	4
25	Estevan.....	E. Woodhead.....	A. H. Trout.....	8
26	Swift Current.....	C. D. McManus.....	R. W. Atkinson.....	11
27	Alameda.....	T. H. Greggain.....	J. P. Gordon.....	8
28	Hanley.....	J. S. Brown.....	F. J. Lloyd.....	5
29	*Heward.....	H. E. Hill.....	F. G. Burns.....	8
30	*New Hope.....	W. G. Cameron.....	H. I. Shaw.....	8
31	Ionic.....	H. W. McKittrick.....	A. E. Blower.....	7
32	Golden Rule.....	E. P. Hart.....	F. Brown.....	2
33	Davidson.....	D. M. Lockwood.....	M. W. Coxworth.....	5
34	*Lang.....	W. Barmby.....	D. D. Dick.....	6
35	*Prince Rupert.....	J. H. Glazebrook.....	C. W. Bossons.....	15
36	Bruce.....	S. Mitchell.....	J. N. McGillivray.....	6
37	*Wapella.....	J. A. Towill.....	J. C. Tocher.....	9
38	Ekapo.....	J. Craig.....	W. L. Black.....	9
39	Boscurvis.....	J. J. Stuttars.....	A. L. Moir.....	8
40	Rouleau.....	W. R. Argue.....	S. K. Johnston.....	2
41	Drinkwater.....	W. D. Thurston.....	W. L. Woodger.....	2
42	Caron.....	G. D. English.....	R. C. McLaughlin.....	3
43	Ispaming.....	E. S. Humphreys.....	G. H. Elliott.....	5
44	*Landmark.....	I. H. A. Saunders.....	W. H. Tweddell.....	7
45	*Aurora.....	C. L. A. Dusty.....	R. W. Mercer.....	10
46	*Strasbourg.....	J. H. M. Essery.....	W. A. Richardson.....	16
47	*Cupar.....	J. N. Ormiston.....	G. A. Riches.....	4
48	Grayson.....	E. H. Clayton.....	G. E. Bell.....	9
49	Assiniboia.....	S. G. Thomson.....	W. Green.....	2
50	*Golden Fleece.....	P. M. Kristensen.....	D. Litschke.....	6
51	Touchwood.....	C. Hart.....	C. G. Shooter.....	16
52	Border.....	H. J. O'Neil.....	T. L. Moore.....	8

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53	Nanatah.....	J. Hindley.....	A. Moffett.....	4
54	*Buchanan.....	E. Gardner.....	A. C. Jennings.....	10
55	*Craik.....	C. Hautscharuk.....	G. W. McLean.....	2
56	*Elbow View.....	R. J. Green.....	S. Platt.....	17
57	*Prairie.....	C. J. Everest.....	W. C. Chapman.....	13
58	King Solomon.....	N. Michasiw.....	H. W. Pearce.....	10
59	*Canora.....	P. J. Keller.....	A. Burtnick.....	10
60	Imperial.....	R. H. Trickey.....	R. G. Perriam.....	5
61	*Rocanville.....	D. R. Ferguson.....	R. G. Rook.....	9
62	*Melville.....	C. W. Morgan.....	L. V. Dowker.....	10
63	Prince Albert.....	J. W. Everatt.....	T. F. Pickering.....	1
64	Manitou.....	G. D. Mills.....	L. B. Rands.....	16
65	*Outlook.....			17
66	*Wynyard.....	J. A. Walker.....	C. E. Spencer.....	15
67	*Eyebrow.....	A. C. Brown.....	N. J. MacDonald.....	3
68	Govan.....	D. Smith.....	E. F. Diekey.....	16
69	*Carrot River.....	H. W. Arn.....	R. J. M. Humphrey.....	1
70	Cypress.....	L. B. Thomsen.....	R. H. Sweeting.....	11
71	Doric.....	R. H. Jackson.....	S. R. Stephens.....	3
72	Corinthian.....	E. H. Hoskins.....	W. H. Kerr.....	2
73	*Unity.....	L. Lantz.....	J. P. Fawcett.....	13
74	*Kilwinning.....	A. N. Imrie.....	A. M. Bell.....	13
75	*Harmony.....	E. A. Friend.....	A. E. Friend.....	13
76	Tisdale.....	F. M. Glazier.....	G. M. Creed.....	1
77	*Abernethy.....	E. S. H. Workman.....	H. A. Stueck.....	4
78	Tugaske.....	P. N. Allan.....	T. W. Russell.....	3
79	*Foam Lake.....	A. J. Reid.....	G. C. Hick.....	15
80	Connaught.....	C. T. Leggett.....	W. Hill.....	9
81	*Tuscan.....	C. O. Devine.....	W. Hamilton.....	16
82	*Victoria.....	R. Ellis.....	B. L. Agate.....	12
83	*Meridian.....	P. W. Thomas.....	W. E. Kilpatrick.....	13
84	*Lanigan.....	A. Katz.....	W. H. Barclay.....	15
85	*Zealandia.....	W. J. Orr.....	R. R. Greenman.....	12
86	Kindersley.....	E. H. Bellward.....	L. P. Kincaid.....	12
87	*Wadena.....	H. E. Hanson.....	R. H. Nicholson.....	15
88	*Briercrest.....	A. C. Borley.....	A. Robbie.....	3
89	Twin City.....	C. S. Collis.....	R. Horspool.....	5
90	*Kerrobart.....	N. Canter.....	A. K. Murdoch.....	13
91	*Rosetown.....	S. Elliott.....	W. H. Blakely.....	12
92	Lodge Progress.....	W. G. Hazell.....	T. Graham.....	5
93	*Morse.....	E. D. Burgess.....	R. H. Crisp.....	11
94	*Maryfield.....	H. S. Gates.....	J. M. Lipsey.....	9
95	*Evergreen.....	J. E. Whitmore.....	W. A. Stevens.....	5
96	Yellow Grass.....	D. R. Chase.....	P. C. Hill.....	6
97	*Radisson.....	F. B. Weeks.....	A. J. Spence.....	7
98	*Union.....	E. Briggs.....	R. J. Eley.....	16
99	*Goose Lake.....	R. E. Smith.....	H. Riddell.....	5
100	Biggar.....	L. H. Sanders.....	A. D. Dean.....	13
101	Acacia.....	N. L. McCowan.....	H. R. Woodley.....	16
102	*Invermay.....	G. Finley.....	G. Telfer.....	15
103	Composite.....	P. M. Henderson.....	W. J. Toppings.....	9
104	King Hiram.....	H. J. Rendall.....	C. L. Smith.....	2
105	Gothic.....	S. C. Onerheim.....	H. E. Marshall.....	13
106	St. John's.....	M. G. Forler.....	A. Riches.....	14
107	Mortlach.....	V. S. Braden.....	R. G. McIlroy.....	3
108	*Long Lake.....	R. Olson.....	J. J. Martin.....	16
109	Limerick.....	W. G. Clark.....	H. J. Gordon.....	14

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110	Shaunavon.....	C. E. Bradley.....	T. L. Ferguson.....	14
111	*Aneroid.....	S. G. Corbin.....	E. C. Jacob.....	14
112	Woodrow.....	A. E. McBride.....	J. C. Cram.....	14
113	*Broderick.....	D. S. Miller.....	J. Gifford.....	17
114	*Central Butte.....	R. W. Ratcliffe.....	R. S. Hemsworth.....	3
115	*Landis.....	D. D. McMillan.....	C. H. Hoganson.....	13
116	*Ceylon.....	C. B. Hatt.....	P. W. Westlake.....	6
117	*Dundurn.....	R. L. Buck.....	W. H. Cooper.....	5
118	*Paragon.....	J. H. Martin.....	G. A. Weese.....	13
119	Cabri.....	C. F. Gibson.....	J. S. Backus.....	11
120	*Ogema.....	R. Bacon.....	R. C. Smith.....	6
121	*Simpson.....	O. E. Real.....	S. J. Caught.....	16
122	Azure.....	C. Asken.....	R. R. Blissett.....	14
123	*Lancer.....	O. Symington.....	J. B. Cross.....	11
124	Mount Hermon.....	W. T. J. Bowditch.....	E. Housego.....	11
125	Latomia.....	M. A. Beacock.....	W. H. Hart.....	6
126	*Cadillac.....	L. A. Pickell.....	J. Ness.....	14
127	*Birch Hills.....	J. P. Scott.....	W. R. A. Orton.....	1
128	Meyronne.....	W. J. Lane.....	S. Day.....	14
129	*Mossbank.....			3
130	Togo.....	W. J. C. May.....	F. E. Penniston.....	10
131	*Dinston.....	B. F. Rolleston.....	A. Drysdale.....	17
132	*Conquest.....	J. T. Anderson.....	H. A. Head.....	17
133	Philathea.....	E. C. Zimmer.....	J. H. Marvin.....	16
134	Eston.....	M. J. Willis.....	D. Steadward.....	12
135	*Elrose.....	R. D. Smith.....	W. H. Walker.....	12
136	St. George.....	J. F. Kerr.....	H. J. Reid.....	3
137	*Tyrian.....	W. C. Hood.....	D. Marr.....	7
138	Kincaid.....	A. W. Hymers.....	M. Rodger.....	14
139	*Riverhurst.....	L. B. Bishop.....	N. C. Rudd.....	17
140	Sceptre.....	J. M. Raychyba.....	E. J. Armstrong.....	11
141	Progressive.....	C. Pentland.....	E. W. Heffer.....	11
142	*Leader.....	F. E. Priebe.....	F. Nikish.....	11
143	*Hawarden.....	H. C. Jones.....	E. A. Hudson.....	17
144	Victory.....	C. M. Peel.....	A. W. Gunn.....	5
145	*Elfros.....	O. S. Hallgrimson.....	S. G. Kristjanson.....	15
146	*Asquith.....	G. Shiack.....	C. H. Mitchell.....	5
147	*Elstow.....	W. H. Helem.....	P. J. Warner.....	5
148	*Dunblane.....	J. Sinclair.....	D. A. Cameron.....	17
149	Loverna.....	R. M. Sale.....	J. W. Krauss.....	13
150	*Wawota.....	A. W. Allison.....	G. Underhill.....	9
151	Viscount.....	A. L. Spratt.....	B. K. Lee.....	15
152	Star City.....	A. Garinger.....	H. J. Collison.....	1
154	Banner.....	H. B. Barrett.....	A. E. Miscampbell.....	2
155	Raymore.....	A. W. Fowlow.....	J. Riddell.....	16
156	*Avonlea.....	J. E. Hayes.....	H. A. Cathro.....	3
157	*York.....			10
158	Borden.....	T. G. Griffin.....	O. Brand.....	7
160	*Cut Knife.....	J. T. Stewart.....	C. F. Brackenbury.....	7
161	*Welwyn.....	W. R. Morton.....	J. C. Hislop.....	9
162	Saltcoats.....	H. W. Pickering.....	J. W. Kennedy.....	10
163	*Fillmore.....	A. D. Stade.....	E. Taylor.....	8
164	Milestone.....	A. J. Rennick.....	W. G. Switzer.....	2
165	*St. Luke's.....	G. R. McDonald.....	D. M. McIntosh.....	13
166	*Wakaw.....			1
167	*Preeceville.....	A. A. Clements.....	J. E. Paul.....	10
168	*Earl Grey.....	C. S. MacGregor.....	W. Parno.....	4

No.	Lodge	Master	Secretary	Dist. No.
169	*Quill Lake	W. L. Mackenzie	T. A. Tennent	15
170	*Sharon	J. Watson	P. Pendlebury	3
171	*Shellbrook	H. K. Elder	J. W. Payne	1
172	*Memorial	L. E. Walter	R. Mayes	3
173	*Lakeview	A. R. Wilson	G. H. Johnson	5
174	St. Andrews	R. S. Meldrum	E. G. Bourne	2
175	Radville	H. Shibley	J. A. Williamson	6
176	*Gray			2
177	*Verwood	A. Mitchell	W. S. Nevill	14
178	*Norquay	H. Wylie	H. S. Reed	10
179	Kelvington	P. Stanwell	R. Thoms	15
180	*Herbert			11
181	*Tuberoose	E. Christensen	I. H. Pittman	12
182	*Lonach	A. Carrivick	J. P. Gordon	7
183	Nipawin	G. Coburn	W. C. Shearer	1
184	*Osage	L. W. Sherling	T. D. McIntosh	6
185	*Loyalty	E. J. Wilford	J. Birse	7
186	*Emulation	B. O. Wilson	W. A. Silverthorn	2
187	*Lucky Lake	H. G. Haack	W. McLean	17
188	*Glenedyth	T. E. Harris	A. H. Stevens	14
189	*Herschel	F. E. Friend	L. C. Eddy	12
190	*Turtleford	H. L. Yoerger	C. W. Reed	7
191	*Macrorie	R. Gillis	R. L. Maxfield	17
192	*Sovereign	F. O. Hunt	W. P. Crawford	17
193	*Mazenod			3
194	*Vanguard	G. H. Dawson	C. R. Richards	14
195	*Pleasantdale	M. Linden	S. B. Shields	1
196	*Lacadena	W. E. Wyper	D. A. McMillan	12
197	*Chaplin	J. E. Kennedy	W. R. Gunning	3
198	Colfax	W. A. McIver	T. C. Morton	6
199	Admiral	G. C. Ahlquist	O. F. Wetterstrand	14
200	*Hudson Bay	R. Sambrook	T. W. Gilmour	10
201	Glentworth	C. R. Barber	G. M. Walker	14
202	Rose Valley	C. W. Roberts	M. A. Westby	15
203	Meadow Lake	J. Barnett	E. P. Woodman	7
204	Northern Light	A. H. Anderson	F. E. Wagar	7
205	Aberdeen	J. R. Riches	I. H. Lowery	5
206	Arborfield	O. H. M. Bagg	A. W. Jensen	1
	U. D. Eaton	F. J. Taylor	V. O. Peters	12

DISTRICT DIRECTORY

DISTRICT NO. 1—D.D.G.M., R. McINTOSH, PARKSIDE

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
1	Kinistino	Prince Albert	1st Friday
13	Duck Lake	Duck Lake	2nd Wednesday
18	Melfort	Melfort	1st Tuesday
22	Rosthern	Rosthern	3rd Wednesday
63	Prince Albert	Prince Albert	2nd Friday
69	Carrot River	Kinistino	2nd Monday
76	Tisdale	Tisdale	Wednesday on or before
127	Birch Hills	Birch Hills	2nd Tuesday
152	Star City	Star City	Thursday on or before

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
166	Wakaw	Wakaw	Monday on or after
171	Shellbrook	Shellbrook	1st Tuesday
183	Nipawin	Nipawin	2nd Thursday
195	Pleasantdale	Pleasantdale	Thursday on or after
206	Arborefield	Arborefield	1st Monday

DISTRICT No. 2—D.D.G.M., E. JOHNSTON, BETHUNE

2	Wascana	Regina	1st Tuesday
11	N.W.M.P.	Regina	3rd Tuesday
32	Golden Rule	Pense	3rd Thursday
40	Rouleau	Rouleau	2nd Tuesday
41	Drinkwater	Drinkwater	Thursday on or before
49	Assiniboia	Regina	3rd Friday
55	Craik	Craik	Wednesday on or before
72	Corinthian	Lumsden	Friday on or before
104	King Hiram	Regina	2nd Tuesday
154	Banner	Regina	3rd Monday
164	Milestone	Milestone	1st Thursday
174	St. Andrew's	Regina	3rd Wednesday
176	Gray	Gray	1st Tuesday
186	Emulation	Regina	4th Thursday

DISTRICT No. 3—D.D.G.M., ARTHUR WILSON, MOOSE JAW

3	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw	2nd Tuesday
42	Caron	Caron	2nd Thursday
67	Eyeblrow	Eyeblrow	2nd Tuesday
71	Doric	Moose Jaw	1st Wednesday
78	Tugaske	Tugaske	Monday on or before
88	Briercrest	Briercrest	3rd Wednesday
107	Mortlach	Mortlach	Tuesday on or before
114	Central Butte	Central Butte	3rd Monday
129	Mossbank	Mossbank	Wednesday on or before
136	St. George	Moose Jaw	3rd Friday
156	Avonlea	Avonlea	2nd Monday
170	Sharon	Bateman	3rd Tuesday
172	Memorial	Moose Jaw	2nd Thursday
193	Mazenod	Mazenod	1st Tuesday
197	Chaplin	Chaplin	2nd Monday

DISTRICT No. 4—D.D.G.M., L. A. HUBBS, INDIAN HEAD

4	Qu'Appelle Valley	Fort Qu'Appelle	3rd Wednesday
5	Indian Head	Indian Head	Thursday on or before
6	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle	Tuesday on or before
14	Sintaluta	Sintaluta	Tuesday on or before
24	Wolseley	Wolseley	3rd Wednesday
47	Cupar	Cupar	2nd Tuesday
53	Nanatah	Balcarres	2nd Monday
77	Abernethy	Abernethy	1st Thursday
168	Earl Grey	Earl Grey	Wednesday on or before

DISTRICT No. 5—D.D.G.M., W. E. ROSE, SASKATOON

16	Saskatchewan	Saskatoon	1st Tuesday
28	Hanley	Hanley	3rd Thursday
33	Davidson	Davidson	Thursday on or before
43	Ishpaming	Langham	Wednesday on or before
60	Imperial	Saskatoon	2nd Wednesday
89	Twin City	Sutherland	2nd Monday

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
92	Lodge Progress	Saskatoon	1st Thursday
95	Evergreen	Harris	Wednesday on or before
99	Goose Lake	Delisle	Monday on or before
117	Dundurn	Dundurn	3rd Wednesday
144	Victory	Saskatoon	2nd Saturday
146	Asquith	Asquith	Friday on or before
147	Elstow	Elstow	Thursday on or before
173	Lakeview	Tessier	3rd Tuesday
205	Aberdeen	Aberdeen	1st Thursday

DISTRICT No. 6—D.D.G.M., P. K. BROWN, WEYBURN

20	Weyburn	Weyburn	1st Monday
34	Lang	Lang	4th Tuesday
36	Bruce	Francis	1st Tuesday
50	Golden Fleece	Halbrite	Monday on or after
96	Yellow Grass	Yellow Grass	Wednesday on or before
116	Ceylon	Ceylon	2nd Wednesday
120	Ogema	Ogema	2nd Monday
125	Latomia	Weyburn	3rd Friday
175	Radville	Radville	2nd Thursday
184	Osage	Osage	3rd Wednesday
198	Colfax	Colfax	2nd Thursday

DISTRICT No. 7—D.D.G.M., H. L. BINNS, EDAM

19	Battle	Battleford	1st Thursday
23	Britannia	Lloydminster	3rd Thursday
31	Ionic	North Battleford	2nd Friday
44	Landmark	Lashburn	Thursday on or before
97	Radisson	Radisson	Tuesday on or after
137	Tyrian	Edam	Tuesday on or before
158	Borden	Borden	Monday on or before
160	Cut Knife	Cut Knife	2nd Thursday
182	Lonach	Marsden	2nd Monday
185	Loyalty	Ruddell	Thursday on or before
190	Turtleford	Turtleford	2nd Thursday
203	Meadow Lake	Meadow Lake	3rd Friday
204	Northern Light	Loon Lake	2nd Tuesday

DISTRICT No. 8—D.D.G.M., C. C. CAMERON, STOUGHTON

15	Amity	Carnduff	2nd Thursday
17	Carlyle	Carlyle	3rd Monday
21	Arcola	Arcola	2nd Monday
25	Estevan	Estevan	3rd Friday
27	Alameda	Alameda	Tuesday on or before
29	Heward	Heward	Tuesday on or before
30	New Hope	Stoughton	1st Thursday
39	Boscurvis	Oxbow	3rd Monday
52	Border	Gainsborough	Tuesday on or before
163	Fillmore	Fillmore	2nd Thursday

DISTRICT No. 9—D.D.G.M., HUGH SHEPHERD, KELSO

7	Moosomin	Moosomin	1st Wednesday
8	Ashlar	Whitewood	3rd Tuesday
10	Evening Star	Grenfell	2nd Tuesday
37	Wapella	Wapella	3rd Wednesday
38	Ekapo	Broadview	2nd Wednesday
48	Grayson	Dubuc	Wednesday on or before

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
61	Rocanville.....	Rocanville.....	2nd Monday
80	Connaught.....	Windthorst.....	Tuesday on or before
94	Maryfield.....	Maryfield.....	1st Tuesday
103	Composite.....	Kennedy.....	Thursday on or before
150	Wawota.....	Wawota.....	Wednesday on or before
161	Welwyn.....	Welwyn.....	3rd Tuesday

DISTRICT No. 10—D.D.G.M., HERBERT WOODWARD, MELVILLE

12	Yorkton.....	Yorkton.....	1st Friday
45	Aurora.....	Theodore.....	3rd Monday
54	Buchanan.....	Buchanan.....	1st Tuesday
58	King Solomon.....	Kamsack.....	2nd Wednesday
59	Canora.....	Canora.....	4th Tuesday
62	Melville.....	Melville.....	4th Thursday
130	Togo.....	Togo.....	1st Wednesday
157	York.....	Churchbridge.....	2nd Wednesday
162	Saltcoats.....	Saltcoats.....	Wednesday on or before
167	Preeceville.....	Preeceville.....	3rd Wednesday
178	Norquay.....	Norquay.....	Thursday on or before
200	Hudson Bay.....	Hudson Bay.....	1st Tuesday

DISTRICT No. 11—D.D.G.M., E. TREW, LEMS FORD

9	Maple Leaf.....	Maple Creek.....	Thursday on or before
26	Swift Current.....	Swift Current.....	1st Tuesday
70	Cypress.....	Gull Lake.....	3rd Monday
93	Morse.....	Morse.....	1st Monday
119	Cabri.....	Cabri.....	1st Monday
123	Lancer.....	Lancer.....	2nd Tuesday
124	Mount Hermon.....	Pennant.....	Thursday on or before
140	Sceptre.....	Sceptre.....	1st Tuesday
141	Progressive.....	Tompkins.....	Wednesday on or before
142	Leader.....	Leader.....	Monday on or before -
180	Herbert.....	Herbert.....	3rd Tuesday

DISTRICT No. 12—D.D.G.M., R. H. TURNER, KINDERSLEY

82	Victoria.....	Alsask.....	1st Tuesday
85	Zealandia.....	Zealandia.....	2nd Tuesday
86	Kindersley.....	Kindersley.....	1st Thursday
91	Rosetown.....	Rosetown.....	3rd Tuesday
134	Eston.....	Eston.....	4th Tuesday
135	Elrose.....	Elrose.....	3rd Monday
181	Tuberoose.....	Kyle.....	2nd Thursday
189	Herschel.....	Herschel.....	1st Monday
196	Lacadena.....	Lacadena.....	2nd Tuesday
U.D.	Eatonia.....	Eatonia.....	Wednesday on or before

DISTRICT No. 13—D.D.G.M., A. E. GRENKIE, LANDIS

57	Prairie.....	Wilkie.....	3rd Tuesday
73	Unity.....	Unity.....	2nd Wednesday
74	Kilwinning.....	Adanac.....	Thursday on or before
75	Harmony.....	Perdue.....	1st Thursday
83	Meridian.....	Macklin.....	Wednesday on or before
90	Kerrobert.....	Kerrobert.....	1st Monday
100	Biggar.....	Biggar.....	2nd Tuesday
105	Gothic.....	Luseland.....	2nd Monday
115	Landis.....	Landis.....	2nd Thursday
118	Paragon.....	Kelfield.....	1st Tuesday

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
149	Loverna.....	Loverna..	3rd Monday
165	St. Luke's.....	Plenty.....	2nd Tuesday
DISTRICT No. 14—D.D.G.M., A. C. RUNNING, ADMIRAL			
106	St. John's.....	Assiniboia.....	1st Wednesday
109	Limerick.....	Limerick.....	Tuesday on or before
110	Shaunavon.....	Shaunavon.....	2nd Wednesday
111	Aneroid.....	Aneroid.....	2nd Thursday
112	Woodrow.....	Woodrow.....	1st Monday
122	Azure.....	Eastend.....	Thursday on or before
126	Cadillac.....	Cadillac.....	3rd Wednesday
128	Meyronne.....	Meyronne.....	2nd Monday
138	Kincaid.....	Kincaid.....	1st Thursday
177	Verwood.....	Verwood.....	2nd Wednesday
188	Glenedyth.....	Climax.....	2nd Thursday
194	Vanguard.....	Vanguard.....	3rd Monday
199	Admiral.....	Admiral.....	1st Wednesday
201	Glentworth.....	Glentworth.....	4th Monday
DISTRICT No. 15—D.D.G.M., W. T. MORPHY, VISCOUNT			
35	Prince Rupert.....	Humboldt.....	2nd Friday
66	Wynyard.....	Wynyard.....	2nd Tuesday
79	Foam Lake.....	Foam Lake.....	2nd Thursday
84	Lanigan.....	Lanigan.....	2nd Thursday
87	Wadena.....	Wadena.....	Monday on or before
102	Invermay.....	Invermay.....	Tuesday on or before
145	Elfros.....	Elfros.....	Wednesday on or before
151	Viscount.....	Viscount.....	1st Tuesday
169	Quill Lake.....	Quill Lake.....	1st Thursday
179	Kelvington.....	Kelvington.....	3rd Tuesday
202	Rose Valley.....	Rose Valley.....	1st Thursday
DISTRICT No. 16—D.D.G.M., R. D. BARBOUR, IMPERIAL			
46	Strasbourg.....	Strasbourg.....	4th Monday
51	Touchwood.....	Punnichy.....	2nd Tuesday
64	Manitou.....	Watrous.....	1st Thursday
68	Govan.....	Govan.....	1st Tuesday
81	Tuscan.....	Semans.....	Wednesday on or after
98	Union.....	Kelliher.....	3rd Monday
101	Acacia.....	Imperial.....	1st Thursday
108	Long Lake.....	Liberty.....	2nd Tuesday
121	Simpson.....	Simpson.....	Wednesday on or before
133	Philathea.....	Nokomis.....	1st Thursday
155	Raymore.....	Raymore.....	2nd Monday
DISTRICT No. 17—D.D.G.M., M. A. STEELE, DINSMORE			
56	Elbow View.....	Loreburn.....	3rd Tuesday
65	Outlook.....	Outlook.....	2nd Thursday
113	Broderick.....	Glenside.....	Friday on or before—
131	Dinston.....	Dinsmore.....	1st Wednesday
132	Conquest.....	Conquest.....	3rd Wednesday
139	Riverhurst.....	Riverhurst.....	3rd Wednesday
143	Hawarden.....	Hawarden.....	1st Tuesday
148	Dunblane.....	Dunblane.....	1st Tuesday
187	Lucky Lake.....	Lucky Lake.....	2nd Monday
191	Macrorie.....	Macrorie.....	3rd Monday
192	Sovereign.....	Sovereign.....	4th Tuesday

FIFTY-YEAR GOLD BUTTONS

Name of Brother	Year of Presentation	Lodge Membership when Presented	Year	Particulars of Initiation Jurisdiction
*C. O. Davidson.....	1939	Kinistino.....	1889	Manitoba
R. J. Jones.....	1946	Kinistino.....	1896	Manitoba
*D. S. McCannel.....	1939	Wascana.....	1887	Manitoba
W. O. Lott.....	1940	Wascana.....	1889	Canada in Ontario
Harry Willsmer.....	1942	Wascana.....	1892	England
John J. Galloway.....	1946	Wascana.....	1896	Canada in Ontario
W. A. Thomson.....	1946	Wascana.....	1896	Manitoba
Charles Gillard.....	1946	Wascana.....	1891	England
J. R. Pollock.....	1946	Wascana.....	1895	Canada in Ontario
*G. M. Annable.....	1941	Moose Jaw.....	1883	Canada in Ontario
W. A. Burton.....	1944	Moose Jaw.....	1894	Manitoba
J. H. Laird.....	1946	Moose Jaw.....	1896	Prince Edward Island
*Arthur Atherton.....	1938	Qu'Appelle Valley.....	1886	Manitoba
*E. W. Miller.....	1938	Qu'Appelle Valley.....	1888	Manitoba
*E. J. Brooks.....	1938	Indian Head.....	1881	Quebec
W. B. Tate.....	1942	Qu'Appelle.....	1891	Ireland
W. G. Vicars.....	1942	Qu'Appelle.....	1892	Manitoba
W. L. Waite.....	1947	Qu'Appelle.....	1889	Manitoba
Donald Browne.....	1948	Qu'Appelle.....	1898	Manitoba
D. McFarlane.....	1945	Moosomin.....	1890	Manitoba
Walter Pennington.....	1946	Moosomin.....	1896	Manitoba
*J. T. Johnson.....	1945	Moosomin.....	1895	Manitoba
J. B. Melrose.....	1943	Maple Leaf.....	1893	Scotland
*J. T. Peckett.....	1943	Maple Leaf.....	1893	Canada in Ontario
F. W. Martin.....	1941	Maple Leaf.....	1891	Canada in Ontario
Warren McKinstry.....	1947	Maple Leaf.....	1897	Canada in Ontario
R. B. Bennett.....	1942	Evening Star.....	1892	Manitoba
W. G. Haultain.....	1942	N.W.M.P.....	1890	Manitoba
*Henry Turner.....	1946	Yorkton.....	1896	England
R. H. Lock.....	1946	Yorkton.....	1896	Manitoba
*J. H. Elliott.....	1941	Amity.....	1890	Canada in Ontario
*Andrew Rutherford.....	1938	Saskatchewan.....	1888	Canada in Ontario
F. B. Goodwillie.....	1945	Melfort.....	1895	Canada in Ontario
J. Hatton.....	1946	Melfort.....	1896	Manitoba
*J. A. Smith.....	1942	Estevan.....	1892	Manitoba
A. B. Stuart.....	1947	Estevan.....	1896	Manitoba
*J. T. Hart.....	1941	Golden Rule.....	1884	Nebraska
J. M. Martin.....	1944	Lang.....	1893	Scotland
Stewart Mitchell.....	1938	Bruce.....	1882	Ireland
*Richard Beale.....	1940	Ekapo.....	1888	Manitoba
H. Spearing.....	1947	Boscurvis.....	1897	Canada in Ontario
*H. H. Campkin.....	1940	Assiniboia.....	1890	Manitoba
D. E. Spencer.....	1943	Assiniboia.....	1883	Michigan
Frank Dymott.....	1947	Assiniboia.....	1896	Scotland
L. H. Reeve.....	1944	Touchwood.....	1894	Canada in Ontario
W. T. Fallis.....	1939	Rocanville.....	1888	North Dakota
R. B. Taylor.....	1948	Melville.....	1898	Manitoba
W. H. Kerr.....	1946	Corinthian.....	1896	Canada in Ontario
*James Stoddart.....	1942	Tugaske.....	1891	Canada in Ontario
Wm. T. Potts.....	1944	Wadena.....	1893	Manitoba
George Rathwell.....	1944	Rosetown.....	1894	Canada in Ontario
*D. Lawrence.....	1944	Rosetown.....	1894	Manitoba
U. S. Grant.....	1944	Yellow Grass.....	1894	Indiana
*Alex Austin.....	1945	Acacia.....	1894	North Dakota

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John McChesney.....	1945	Invermay.....	1894	Scotland
C. B. Smith.....	1940	King Hiram.....	1888	Michigan
A. L. Merrill.....	1940	King Hiram.....	1890	Canada in Ontario
Joseph Wood.....	1946	King Hiram.....	1896	Manitoba
*Duncan McFarlane.....	1940	Paragon.....	1872	Scotland
*Robert Anderson.....	1939	Ogema.....	1886	Ireland
Chas. A. Bush.....	1940	Ogema.....	1886	Illinois
George Karr.....	1947	Simpson.....	1891	North Dakota
William Barber.....	1947	Meyronne.....	1897	Canada in Ontario
A. A. Steele.....	1948	Dinston.....	1898	Canada in Ontario
R. A. Miniely.....	1945	Dunblane.....	1894	Canada in Ontario
Arthur Mack.....	1939	Viscount.....	1889	Manitoba
F. W. Torney.....	1944	Memorial.....	1894	Manitoba
*Arthur E. Staton.....	1943	Gray.....	1893	Canada in Ontario
A. R. Thomas.....	1944	Colfax.....	1893	South Dakota

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G. F. Ellis, Calgary, Alta.....	1941
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Charles Davidson, Great Falls, Mont.....	1943
Karl J. Mohr, Rockford, Illinois.....	1943
R. J. Bradley, Edmonton, Alta.....	1943
Wm. Ireland, Calgary, Alta.....	1944
Sam Harris, High Prairie, Alta.....	1944
George Moore, Calgary, Alta.....	1944
G. H. Crane-Williams, Dimsdale, Alta.....	1945
S. E. Pierson, Carrollton, Illinois.....	1945
R. C. Davenport, Harrisburg, Illinois.....	1945
M. S. Donovan, Brandon, Man.....	1946
H. B. Donnelly, Winnipeg, Man.....	1947
R. B. Dargavel, Toronto, Ont.....	1947
A. D. Cumming, Calgary, Alta.....	1947
F. I. Mills, Robinson, Illinois.....	1948
Dr. Wm. A. Henry, Lacombe, Alta.....	1948
P. T. Pilkey, Winnipeg, Man.....	1948
W. C. McDonald, Winnipeg, Man.....	1948

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J. J. Henderson, Miniota, Man.....	1939
Samuel Burland, St. Vital, Man.....	1943
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W. R. Trench, Kelowna, B.C. 1927

Past Grand Junior Deacon—

W. E. Niblock, Victoria, B.C. 1938

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Dist. No.	Place	Date	Dist. No.	Place	Date
4	Indian Head.....	Mon., June 28	17	Riverhurst.....	Wed., July 14
9	Grenfell.....	Tues., June 29	3	Moose Jaw.....	Thurs., July 15
8	Stoughton.....	Wed., June 30	1	Nipawin.....	Mon., July 26
14	Cadillac.....	Mon., July 5	10	Canora.....	Tues., July 27
11	Swift Current.....	Tues., July 6	15	Wynyard.....	Wed., July 28
12	Rosetown.....	Wed., July 7	16	Imperial.....	Thurs., July 29
13	Unity.....	Thurs., July 8	6	Weyburn.....	Tues., Aug. 3
7	North Battleford.....	Fri., July 9	2	Regina.....	Wed., Aug. 4
5	Saskatoon.....	Tues., July 13			

The time in effect (whether Standard Time or Fast Time) at the place of meeting, will govern.

The programme for the meetings will be as follows:

Afternoon Session

2:00 p.m.—Board of Installed Masters. (W.M.'s and P.M.'s are eligible to attend and are urged to do so.)

2:30 p.m.—Opening District Meeting.

(a) Reception of Grand Officers.

(b) Reading Minutes; reading report of D.D.G.M. for 1947-48.

(c) Exemplification of:

1. Reception, circumambulation and approach to Altar.

a. E.A. Degree.

b. F.C. Degree.

c. M.M. Degree.

2. Review of 1947 District Meetings exemplification.

(d) The Junior Deacon.

4:30 p.m. (e) District Business.

5:00 p.m. Adjournment.

Evening Session

- 7:30 p.m. (f) Reopening District Meeting.
 (g) Selection D.D.G.M. (written nominations to be filed with District Secretary by 7:30 p.m.)
 (h) Address: Grand Secretary, "The Entered Apprentice".
 (i) Masonic Quiz: (Questions based on E.A., F.C., M.M. Degrees and Constitution.)
 (j) Address: Grand Master—"Freemasonry Tomorrow".
 (k) Grand Lodge Officers Retire.
 (l) District business.
- 10:00 p.m. Closing.
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COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

Programme 1947-48

- September—"The Figure Three."
 October—"Remember Now Thy Creator."
 November—"Geometry."
 December—"The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan—Proceedings, 1947."
 January—"We Meet Upon The Level."
 February—"First Degree Tracing Board."
 March—"Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund."
 April—"Operative to Speculative."
 May—"The Historical Development of the Tracing Board."
 June—"The Landmarks of Freemasonry."
 July—"The Two Great Pillars."
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THE FIGURE THREE—By W. Bro. J. E. Campbell

In a lecture entitled "An Exposition of the Third Degree" delivered by W. Brother C. T. F. Goy and printed in the October 1946 issue of the Victorian Craftsman the speaker digressed midway in his address to point out the prominent place in the religious and moral history of man occupied by the sacred figure three.

In the Old Testament it is very prominent. Three elements—earth, water, air. Three illuminations—sun, moon, stars. Three great Patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob. Three divisions of the Book—the Law, the Prophets, the Sacred Writings.

Three famous names given to the Eternal. What were they?

In the New Testament the figure is frequently used.

Jesus lived three decades and three single years. His ministry lasted three years. Three persons were involved in the Transfiguration. He was tried before three men. The three crosses. He remained three days in the tomb. Three great attributes—Faith, Hope, Charity. The Trinity—Father, Son, Holy Ghost.

In the realm of Masonry:

Three primary degrees, three knocks, three steps, three-fold sign, three signs, three great lights, three lesser lights, three G.M.'s, three principal officers, three W.T.'s in each D., three perambulations, three steps in approach to A., three entrances to the T, three weapons, three men, three Lodges sent out to search, three methods were tried.

Three stages in life—childhood, maturity, old age.

Three duties—to God, to our neighbors, and to ourselves.

From the last is derived the motto, "Three exercises for a well developed life: In—Out—Up."

1. Look within—examine your own heart and life and put all in order.

2. Look out on the world—look out on your fellows. See their needs, and how you can serve them.

3. Look up to the Most High for comfort and support.

Then again, there is the Trinity in life's totality—life, death, immortality. We are in the first stage; the second will come to each of us. But the joy and triumph of the sublime D. is the hope of the third stage—immortality.

The acacia is the emblem of immortality. Why?

Many more occurrences of the figure three may be recalled. Only a few of them have been mentioned in this outline.

Can you suggest the reason or reasons for such marked prominence to this figure?

REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR (ECCLESIASTES XII:1-7)

By M.W. Bro. S. J. A. Brannion

When we hear, from time to time, this highly poetic and symbolic Oriental description of life from youth until old age merges in death, there is great profit in being able to follow the symbols one after another. But the very words themselves deserve attention. The simplicity of the language is amazing. Out of about 222 words, 180 have only one syllable. There are only three words which have as many as three syllables! And the words are more than 80% pure Anglo-Saxon words.

But the meaning is the more important part. There are places where it is obscure or will bear more than one interpretation, but the substantial thoughts are clear. Verse 1 calls upon us to remember our Creator before the days when pleasure in life will be gone and the mind will be fixed and will not be open even to knowledge of God. Verse 2 describes a sirocco or hurricane and suggests that in old age even if the storm seems to pass, the clouds immediately gather again. In verses 3 and 4 there is a description of the gradual breaking down of the physical body. Scholars dispute about parts of it but you will get the general idea if you take these signs and symbols: Keepers of the house—hands that tremble; strong men bowing—legs not erect; grinders—teeth; rise up with bird—sleepless early morning; music low—failing voice; windows—eyes; shut doors—dull ears. Verse 5 pictures inability to climb and avoidance of exertion which once was easy. The almond tree may hint at the appearance of gray hair and the grasshopper may symbolize a trifling weight which to old people may be heavy. "Desire shall fail" is literally "the caperberry shall fail". The caperberry probably refers to some artificial stimulant to appetite. Whatever the exact original significance, the translators chose a wonderful phrase to express the idea of loss of interest and anticipation in life when they chose those three little words, "desire shall fail."

In the closing words of verse 5, symbolism is dropped and there is direct reference to death: "Man goeth to his long home." And there is mentioned the striking Oriental custom of paid mourners who go about the street with loud moaning.

In verse 6 symbolism rules again, but whereas previous symbols were of failing physical powers, now the symbols are those of actual dissolution and death. Some commentators say that the silver cord refers to the spinal cord, the golden bowl to the skull, the pitcher to the heart and the wheel to the

general process of life in the body. In any event it is clearly death four times symbolized and each time the symbol is something suddenly decisive, "loosed", "broken".

Then follows the climax not only of this essay of seven verses, but of the whole book of Ecclesiastes. This climax is not in the words, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was." That fact had long been known to the writer and those of his day. The new thing which he has discovered is that the spirit returns to God who gave it. This pessimistic old writer of Ecclesiastes has discovered immortality in God. Like Job, he has won the victory of faith. After long struggle and doubt he has been given a new revelation. Old age and death are not the end. Life lives with God.

Questions: 1. How many words of French or Latin origin can you find in these seven verses?

2. How many two-syllable words are there?

3. Why does the writer mention light as well as the sun and the moon and the stars?

4. Is it a better interpretation of the first part of verse six to picture life as a golden lamp hung by a silver cord and death as the snapping of the cord and the consequent breaking of the lamp?

GEOMETRY—By Wor. Bro. L. T. Carmichael

The principles of geometry embrace the whole field of science as they are both based on exactness of measurement and as the aim of them both is to search for the absolute truth. We are told that Masonry is based on the principles of geometry, and we go even further in stating that Masonry and Geometry were originally synonymous terms. It is easy to understand, then, that when the candidate in the second degree is admonished to study geometry his attention is directed towards the desirability of becoming a student in science—of becoming an educated man. His aim henceforth must be an endeavour to ferret out the hidden mysteries of nature and science.

This is the scientific age; the atomic age; the age of progress, made possible by the exactness of measurement—by geometry. It is claimed by many scientists that nothing they do or think is based on assumption; that mysterious occurrences can always be explained by natural causes; that there is an unwillingness to accept as facts any statements that are not supported by convincing proof.

But is this entirely correct? All theorems and problems depend upon some previous theorem or problem which primarily depends upon some axiom or postulate. Except for its axioms, geometry can prove anything it teaches. Unproved assumptions, self-evident theorems, facts taken for granted are all foundation stones of geometry—of science—of masonry. No one has yet proved that a straight line may be drawn from any point to any other point; no one has proved that things which are equal to the same thing are equal to one another; that the whole is greater than the part, or that when equals are added to equals the sums are equal. Our point is this: ONLY BY FAITH IN SOMETHING, SOMEWHERE, CAN WE EVER KNOW ANYTHING.

Scientists get only so far in their reasoning and then they come to an abrupt halt. Their investigations have established the fact of an evolution of species, yet they have no idea what caused the first spark of life. Things far beyond the comprehension of the ordinary man are made and improved, yet protoplasm, the basis of all life, cannot be manufactured. If we knew the secret of chlorophyll in the green leaves, man would not be dependent on plants for the manufacture of the world's food supply. Scientists can time the coming of a total eclipse of the sun to a fraction of a second, yet they do not know what causes

planets to move on their own axes or to revolve about their suns. We can split the atom; we can harness the great power of the electrons; we can bomb cities; of the world to oblivion, yet we know not the cause of the great electronic speed, nor the instigator of the potential force within the heart of the atom.

Geometry must begin on faith and all science must be based on assumption. The Grand Geometrician of the Universe expects us to search for the Truth, for in so doing we will disclose great fields of the unknown, but as far as the Ultimate Truth is concerned, He does not expect or require us to be successful in our researches. It is not strange, then, that we have no proof of the existence of Deity itself. To the mason no proof is necessary. Circumstantial evidence is all about us, and that evidence is based on axioms for which there is no proof.

What is the derivation of the word "geometry"?

How many times does it appear in the work? In what connections?

Why is it emphasized in the F.C. Degree?

Reference—"Foreign Countries," by Claudy.

THE GRAND LODGE OF SASKATCHEWAN—PROCEEDINGS, 1947

Copies of the Proceedings are now in the hands of all Secretaries. It is expected that every Lodge will comply with the instruction of the Board of General Purposes as printed on the inside of the front cover. The following questions are submitted to encourage a more careful perusal of the Proceedings.

1. (a) What was the objective which the Grand Master set for himself in his year of office?
- (b) What efforts were made towards this objective?
- (c) What special conferences outside the jurisdiction did the Grand Master attend during the year?
- (d) What new committee did the Grand Master appoint during the year? What was its duty? (See page 22)
- (e) How are our representatives near other Grand Lodges chosen?
- (f) What are their duties?
2. The table on page 36 and the report on the Condition of Masonry present interesting information on membership.
On page 58 in the above report three disturbing questions are asked.
An evasive reply to the first is: "The number of reasons is indeterminate."
Even a questionnaire would not reveal the whole truth in this matter.
(a) What in your opinion are the answers to the second and third questions?
We quote an excerpt from the report:
"The glory of our Fraternity is not in numerical strength, but rather in quality of life and service. No Lodge, therefore, in the opinion of your Committee, should permit interference with the provision and maintenance of such facilities as it can provide for the enlightenment, happiness and usefulness of its members in the light of their duty as citizens and as Masons."
3. (a) What was the net gain in membership reported for the year?
- (b) In what year was the largest net gain?
4. (a) What action did Grand Lodge take on the notice of motion to amend the mode of electing and appointing the officers of Grand Lodge?
- (b) How much has been disbursed from the Benevolent Fund for assistance during the past twelve months?
5. (a) Where was the conference of the four Western jurisdictions held?
- (b) What are the objects of this Conference?
- (c) What subjects were on the agenda?
- (d) Is this Conference a legislative body?

6. On page 86 you will find the report of the first meeting of Representatives of the Grand Lodge of British North America.
 - (a) What were the main purposes of this conference?
 - (b) Where was it held?
 - (c) Who were our representatives?
 - (d) What were the six topics discussed?
 - (e) What was the outcome of this conference?
7. The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is found on pages 149-210. This report has entailed an enormous amount of work. It contains much interesting information.

The summary deals with (a) the increase in the membership in North America. (b) The matter of physical qualifications. (c) The condition of Lodges in Europe. (d) Clandestine Masonry.

(a) In the U.S.A., New York State has the most members. Can you name the next five states in order of membership?

"The doctrine of physical perfection is a Landmark and cannot be modified or changed."

(b) What is the attitude of the majority of the jurisdictions in North America towards the above assertion?

Space prevents us from dealing completely with the Proceedings. No mention has been made of the District reports. However, it is expected that every Brother will have the opportunity of hearing the report of his own District read and discussed in his Lodge.

The Masters and Secretaries should read Miscellaneous Data (page 67).

WE MEET UPON THE LEVEL—By Wor. Bro. E. W. VanBlaricom

1. This is really an outline or brief for the chairman of the local Committee on Masonic Education and Research. It is intended to direct and assist research, and then, when the lodge meeting is held, it is meant to assist the committee in inviting questions and directing the discussion.

It is suggested that the success of the meeting can be gauged with fair accuracy by the number who are willing to answer or ask questions and express opinions. Don't overlook the newer members. Perhaps it would be well to spread the subject over two or more meetings. The chief book of reference is Haywood's "The Great Teachings of Masonry," particularly chapter V.

2. An important Masonic date is 1717. Reign of George I. See Green's Short History, Chapter X. "Never had religion seemed at a lower ebb . . . Statesmen were distinguished for the grossness and immorality of their lives . . . Purity and fidelity were out of fashion . . . Rural peasantry was being reduced to pauperism . . . the great masses were without moral or religious teachings of any sort." The re-organization of Masonry. Darkest night is before the dawn. The turning of the tide. Lofty concepts. They builded better than they knew. Recognition of the Divine in all men. The Brotherhood of man. The Square, the Level, the Plumb-rule. "All men have sprung from the same stock . . .". Equality, a new conception.

3. After the re-organization or revival of Masonry in 1717, rapid spread to France and America. In France idea of *equality* emphasized much more than in England. A political emphasis. Masonry, a factor of unknown strength in the French Revolution. "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity," the slogan of the revolution and of France until the Hitler Vichy regime.

4. Masonry found fertile soil in America. Were the members of the Boston lodge the hosts at the Boston Tea Party? "The Declaration of Independence is regarded, even by the profane, as a Masonic document." Filled with

Masonic concepts. "All men are created free and equal." With the growth of democracy, equality and Masonry are almost synonymous in many minds." The Atlantic Charter.

5. The meaning of Equality. Are all men born equal? With equal physical endowments? With equal mental endowments? With equal capacity to learn and develop?

6. Equality before the Law. Is a witness asked about his race, his color, his religion, his creed, his nationality, his politics? To what extent is there equality before the law? Habeas Corpus in Anglo-Saxon countries? Under Hitler? Under Mussolini? Under Stalin? An ideal: A United Nations Universal Habeas Corpus.

7. Social Equality. Consider twenty men of your city or town. Could you organize them into any of the following: A Curling club, a Town Band or Orchestra, a Bridge club, an Art club, a Political club named after a party leader. If so, after two or three meetings how many would care to attend? Why?

8. Equality of Opportunity. Compare the advantages of your son with a son of an Australian Bushman. Is there equal opportunity to develop and make use of latent natural ability? Should each child have an equal opportunity? Is this an ideal? A challenge? A task?

9. Haywood's definition of Equality. "Every man is entitled to the right, equal to the right enjoyed by other men, to the unhindered and normal functions of his own nature." Criticize.

FIRST DEGREE TRACING BOARD—By W. Bro. G. W. Durham

The Tracing Board lecture purposes, with the aid of a chart or scroll, to give the C some idea of the meaning of our emblems. Symbolism is an essential part of Freemasonry, and is far older than our present ritual. Symbols were in use long before speech had attained its present development, and if we consider, that, even in England, it was only towards the end of the last century that free education was established, we can well realize the value of symbols to our ancient Brethren. Even today, it is far easier to learn from a picture, however crude, than from the spoken word. Since each symbol carries with it a definite thought, or idea (as for instance the square means integrity in any language), the symbol, with its meaning, will remain in our minds when the word has been forgotten. Writers claim that the Tracing Board has passed through three stages of evolution. What are they?

The E. A. D. Tracing Board is a real quarry of information for the Masonic Student, and nearly every symbol on it would be a good subject for a lodge discussion. The explanation commences with the form or shape and proceeds in an orderly fashion to the centre, that is the A.

The form is a parallelepipedon (6 faces). In Solomon's time, the habitable world was supposed to have the form of an oblong square. Scripture speaks of "the four corners of the earth". It extended from Asia Minor in the East, to Spain in the West. From N. Africa in the S, to a line in the N, making the breadth twenty degrees.

The Lodge is a symbol in its form and extent, of the world. (Mackey's Symbolism, p. 105).

The picture shows four faces. What are the other two?

How would you explain that "the Lodge is the symbol of the universe"?

The three great pillars represent three attributes of the Deity—attributes well known to all Masons and a reminder that we should strive to attain a portion of these great qualities, wisdom of action, strength of character, and

beauty of mind. They also may represent the progress of a Mason's mind, from the simple strength of the Doric to the finished beauty of the Corinthian. What further do they represent?

The orientation of a Lodge is its situation due E and W. As to the original interpretation of the usage there is no doubt that the Masonic was derived from the ecclesiastical, that is, Lodges were oriented because churches were. In the Apostolic Constitutions it is written, "let the church be of an oblong form directed to the E". It will be noted that at this point in the lecture there is a constant reference to the number three. This is a very important number masonically. We would recommend the reader to refer to the Tracing Board of last September where he will find a valuable article on this subject.

"The covering"—a celestial canopy—according to MacKay, our ancient brethren met on the highest hills and lowest vales, the only covering being the vault of heaven. The ladder of ascent has seven staves which sometimes are said to represent the four cardinal virtues: Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice, and the theological virtues: Faith, Hope and Charity. The first four are represented further by the tassels. (See July 1947 issue).

The ladder rests upon the firm base which stands in the centre—the V.S.L. which is the sure foundation on which we may safely put our trust in our climb upward to the Light. The masonic pavement represents the uncertainty of life; the border, our trust in the Divine Providence, portrayed by the star in the centre, a symbol which has much meaning and is often overlooked by our students.

"The Furniture" is perhaps so called because it is essential to the Lodge, and no meeting can be held without the Three Great Lights. The moveable jewels are the working tools of the F.C. Why are three of the most important W.T.'s assigned to the F.C.? The immoveable jewels are open in the lodge for the brethren to compare with themselves: The Rough Ashlar which represents our important condition and which can be improved upon; the Perfect Ashlar, to check on our improvement.

The Tracing Board is for the W.M. to plan the work of the Lodge and to remind the Brethren that they too have duties, and should loyally support and carry out the plans laid down for them.

The lecture is summed up in the enunciation of the fundamental principles. It would be a good exercise for the Masonic Student to analyze the lecture with a view to substantiate the assertion in its closing sentence.

References: Mackay, Hammond.

GRAND LODGE BENEVOLENT FUND

1. Before 1917 Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund was very small. In 1919 (only two years later) it rose to \$82,000.00. How was that accomplished? How great is the fund now? About how much does the fund now provide in a year for benefits to needy persons without depleting the capital?

2. Name three ways in which additions to the fund are still being made. Are there more than three ways?

3. Who compose the Board of Trustees? What authority has this Board? (Proceedings 1947, page 135; Constitution, pages 95 to 98).

4. Can a needy brother apply to the Board of Trustees for assistance? Have the Trustees authority to make payment from the fund to any person who is not a Mason?

5. Describe the proper mode of application to the Board of Trustees for a grant. (Constitution, pages 95 to 98).

6. Proceedings for 1946 (page 22) and the Proceedings for 1947 (page 28) taken together show a gross addition to the fund in the year of \$19,334.53. Is this a sufficient rate of increase? Or can you give any reason why we should cease to build up the fund?

7. Should the Board of Trustees hesitate to make grants in respect to a number of beneficiaries who are all members of one lodge when many lodges have no member receiving any grant?

8. Why should a Lodge have a local Benevolent Fund of its own? If a Lodge has not a local Benevolent Fund is the present a good time to establish one?

9. (a) When does a Mason first hear of his individual responsibility towards his less fortunate Brother?

(b) When again?

(c) How often in our ceremonies is it mentioned?

10. The Reports of the Board of Trustees of the Benevolent Fund in the Annual Proceedings for many years past will well repay perusal. For the last three years these reports are found in the Proceedings as follows: 1945 at page 85, 1946 at page 79, and 1947 at page 90.

It is suggested that in this study each of four brethren be given beforehand opportunity to prepare comments as follows: The first brother on paragraphs 1 and 2, the second on paragraphs 3, 4 and 5, the third on paragraph 6 and the fourth on paragraphs 7 and 8. Each of these should be given 3 minutes with a possible extension to five minutes. Then discussion could ensue or volunteers might comment on the remaining paragraphs 9 and 10.

OPERATIVE TO SPECULATIVE — By W. Bro. W. W. Snider

With the decline of Operative Masonry in the early eighteenth century, the Lodges existing at that time had a mixed membership with the Theoretic (later Speculative) Masons steadily increasing in numbers and the Operative Masons gradually losing control. In 1717 the four Lodges then existing in London arranged a General Assembly much in the way the Operative Lodges had been accustomed to do from the earliest times. This meeting resulted in an organization that was to have important and lasting effects on the Order.

The Grand Lodge which they organized on St. John the Baptist's Day in 1717, assumed control over all Lodges; the rule requiring all, with the exception of the original four, to have a warrant from Grand Lodge dealt what ultimately proved to be the death blow to Operative Masonry. This Grand Lodge at first in a general way followed the pattern of the Operatives. All members were expected to attend. The Operative Assemblies, however, were composed of the Lodges within easy travelling distance only, assumed no control over individual Lodges and were held to assure apprentices of proper training, to test them for promotion to the rank of F.C.'s and to pass on improvements in the matter of workmanship. Grand Lodge at first followed the rule of listing apprentices and conferring the other degrees itself. When the growth in membership made conferring of degrees impossible this power was given to the individual Lodges and attendance at Grand Lodge became obligating only on Masters and Wardens. Previous to 1717 individual Lodges could be established independently wherever the work in hand assembled the required number of skilled workmen.

Operatives were known chiefly by the name of the inn where they met. It was the Lodge that met in the "Goose and Gridiron" in St. Paul's churchyard over which Sir Christopher Wren presided for eighteen years during the building of that cathedral. This Lodge was first called Antiquity No. 1. After 1770 it became known by the name 2, which it still retains as the premier Lodge of

England. At first there were only two degrees. Later the F.C.D. was split and three symbolic degrees were conferred. The building up of the ritual was, as every Mason knows, the monumental work of Desaguliers.

In its early years Grand Lodge recognized the operative section of its membership by having one or more of its Grand Wardens Operative Masons. In 1717 Sager, the first Grand Master, had as Wardens an army man and a carpenter; in 1718 Payne had a carpenter and a stone cutter. In 1721 the Duke of Montague was G.M. and ever since that time the high office has been held by men of royal or noble rank. By 1723 the wardens were restricted to men of rank, influence or learning. Thus the Order worked itself free from all connection with its Operative Brethren and became a speculative, philosophical and moral institution.

When cathedrals were being constructed, Operative Masonry was under ecclesiastical control and leaned towards the R.C. faith since that religion was then dominant in Europe. When England became Protestant, Masonry followed her lead and adopted a tolerant and liberal view which attracted men of all shades of religious and political thought who believed in the Great Architect and in freedom to worship Him in their own way.

THE HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRACING BOARD

By Bro. Peter Greig

Going back to the beginning of the eighteenth century, when Speculative Masonry was taking shape on an organized basis, the Lodges were few and with small membership. They usually held their meetings in taverns or coffee houses wherever a large room was available and suitable for Masonic work. This room was sometimes called "The Making Room" and was prepared by what was termed "Drawing the Lodge". We find in the minutes of these old Lodges that a remuneration was made to one of the brethren, usually the Tyler, for materials and for his services in Drawing the Lodge. The Drawing of the Lodge consisted of marking off a rectangular space approximately 10'x18' by a tessellated border and comprised within it the delineation of Jewels, Emblems, Working Tools, etc., in freehand drawing that were necessary for the degree being worked. The Tracing Board of this period, actually speaking, was the Lodge itself and I understand that it is still used figuratively to represent the Lodge in the ceremony of Consecrating a New Lodge.

In 1754 we find in the minutes of one of the old Lodges an expenditure for the purchase of Templates and Tape, the first progressive step in Drawing the Lodge. Though it didn't change the procedure, it facilitated it and no doubt improved the appearance of the various designs usually obtained by freehand drawing. Incidentally before proceeding with the next step it might be of interest to some brethren to know that a very practical and impressive lesson in secrecy was taught the candidate when he was told to obliterate all signs and traces of a Lodge having existed with the aid of a mop and pail. The next progressive development was the use of floor-cloths, which I presume evolved from the use of the Templets on cloth instead of tracing the designs on the floor.

During these periods of development we must also visualize the rapid growth of Masonry throughout Britain with its consequent erection of Temples and fully furnished Lodge Rooms. With these changed circumstances it is quite obvious that floor-cloths became obsolete and we read of the introduction of Trussel Boards, the first Tracing Board as we know it today. (Trussel Board must not be linked with Trestle Board which was of a much earlier period and used in Operative Masonry). Trussel Boards were large Boards with the designs painted in colors and could be placed on a trussel adjacent to the lecturer. In the early Nineteenth Century many artistic Brethren began designing sets of Tracing Boards in color on canvas, thus catering to the demand from the many

new Lodges. Apparently to obtain the best and also to standardize the Tracing Board throughout the Jurisdiction the "Emulation Lodge of Improvement" in 1846 offered a prize for what was considered the best set of Tracing Boards. Bro. Harris' set was accepted but apparently there was some controversy in that connection; so Bro. Harris went to work, designed a new set, which was recognized as superior, and dedicated them to the memory of the Duke of Sussex who had devoted so much of his life to the service of Freemasonry. This set was used as Standard Tracing Boards within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England.

THE LANDMARKS OF FREEMASONRY

By R.W. Bro. Hedley Auld, Grand Junior Warden

Some notes on this subject a year ago indicated considerable diversity of opinion among Masonic students respecting the Landmarks, but less regarding their essential characteristics. The seven Landmarks accepted as valid by Dr. Roscoe Pound were then presented, and his opinion was quoted to the effect that the remainder of Dr. Mackey's twenty-five landmarks were Masonic *common law*.

McBride in his book, "Speculative Masonry", deals somewhat differently with the subject of landmarks, and one might expect with less authority. The following paragraph is quoted for what it may be worth to the newer members of our Order:

"Although in almost every detail, the Masonic Order has undergone changes from time to time, there is one point on which it has never changed—the central motive idea of its existence—the building of a Divine Temple, and for this end, the formation of a human lodge. This idea is no longer that of a material temple. It has become idealized and spiritualized. It is no longer of stone, nor is its glory that of King Solomon's at Jerusalem. It is a Temple more glorious still—an Ideal Temple of ennobled humanity, wrought into perfect form and made a dwelling-place for The Most High".

Since space did not permit a discussion of the seven Landmarks listed in The Tracing Board a year ago, this will now be attempted.

1. *Belief in God.* Sheppard, in "The Landmarks of Freemasonry", says "The very basic teaching of Freemasonry centers around this belief. It was the basis of the operative as well as the speculative Freemasons, for the former were the builders of material Temples for worship as we are the builders of spiritual Temples to his Glory."

2. *Belief in the persistence of personality.* Belief in immortality is common to the Jew, the Moslem, the Brahmin and the Buddhist. The North American Indian hoped for another life, just as there has been from earliest times "a conscious and innate instinct for another existence". Pound says "this same symbolism is universal in ancient rites and primitive secret societies." Thus it may permit much variety of belief and interpretation without materially modifying the central idea.

3. *A "book of the law" as an indispensable part of the furniture of every Lodge.* This "book of the law" includes the Hebrew scriptures or Old Testament, our modern Bible with the New Testament, the Koran and the Vedas—all of which might be used simultaneously in a Lodge with members of many faiths. McBride says "the Sacred Book lies open to signify that each must interpret the revelation for himself."

4. *The Legend of the Third Degree.* Similar legends are found elsewhere. (See Dionysius and Osiris). Whether legendary or historical, this symbolic rite—by its universal acceptance and antiquity—fulfills the requirement of a landmark and illustrates the experiences of man's earthly existence.

5. *Secrecy.* This principle which requires no description in this outline, has been characteristic of the Order from time immemorial. From time to time, changes in the mode of recognition became necessary, but the principle remains unchanged.

6. *The symbolism of the operative art.* This landmark in Freemasonry is peculiarly effective in teaching the principles of morality, and derives from the operative form of our Institution.

7. *That a Mason must be a man, freeborn and of age.* In the days of the operative craft, when apprenticeship was for a term of years and workmen could be most useful only when fit for arduous labor and free to enter upon an apprenticeship, a woman, a slave or an immature youth would obviously fail to meet these exacting requirements. Age requirements are not everywhere the same, and speculative Freemasonry is less concerned with physical fitness; but the significance of the symbolism remains. Thus entered apprentices will understand why their Lodge Brethren are interested in seeing that they are fit and proper persons to be made Masons.

While denying the validity of Dr. Mackey's twenty-five landmarks, Dr. Pound has expressed high appreciation of Dr. Mackey's contribution to Masonic literature. In "Masonic Jurisprudence" Dr. Pound says "the foundation of all study of Masonic common law is in Mackey's exposition of the landmarks. We may grant that not more than one-third of his twenty-five landmarks are to be accepted as such. Nevertheless he succeeded wonderfully in putting his finger on the significant points in generally accepted Masonic usage. Everything that has been done since has been done in the light of his exposition and on more than one point he said all that was to be said . . . Where he erred chiefly was in assuming too rigid a body of fundamental law. . . . We may reject this idea and yet recognize the invaluable service which Mackey performed for us by working out and formulating the leading principles of our customary law."

THE TWO GREAT PILLARS — By W. Bro. G. H. Bennett

In reviewing the significance of the Two Great Pillars as depicted in the lecture in the F.C. Degree it would be interesting to go back to the discovery of the Noble Arts and Sciences of Freemasonry. The first words in the V.S.L. are as follows: "In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth . . . and there was light". This is definitely the beginning and this is the beginning of all Freemasons. "Light" is the answer to the question put to the E.A. after the obligation.

The story of the Creation need not be recounted at this time. We are told that Cain built a city and called it after his son, Enoch. In Gen. IV we find a man called Lamech, the great-great-great-great grandson of Enoch. The Legend of Lamech has many points of interest. He had three sons, Jabal, Jubal, Tubal-Cain and a daughter Namaah. We are told that these children were the discoverers of the Noble Arts and Sciences of Freemasonry. Jabal was a builder; Jubal introduced the Art of Music; Tubal-Cain founded the art of Metal Work and Namaah the craft of weaving.

These four heard by prophecy that God would purge the Earth by flood or fire because of the sinfulness of the people. Being afraid that the secrets they had discovered would be lost to the world they decided to build two pillars. These pillars were similar in form and dimensions to those described in the F.C. Degree. The chapters were not enriched but were plain and strong and were designed to effectually seal the tops after the secrets had been inserted therein.

The Legend of Enoch also makes mention of the pillars. The Most High ordered him to a high mountain to receive instructions and commands. He was told that his days were about to end and that he should set his house in order. To preserve the secrets he had discovered, he built nine vaults in the ground, one beneath the other. After he had deposited the secrets in these vaults he felt that he had made a mistake in that they might become obscure in the natural growth of time. Accordingly, he built two pillars a short distance away and inscribed in them hieroglyphical figures to indicate the spot where the secrets were hidden. These pillars and vaults, we are told, were discovered by one of King Solomon's workmen while clearing the ground for the building of the Temple. For it was on this spot that the Temple was later built.

We may assume that the Pillars already mentioned are intended to be the same as those which were placed at the porchway or entrance because in our lecture we say, "They were placed there"—not built as part of the structure. That on the left denotes "In Strength"; that on the right, "God will establish".

The significance of these two great pillars is the strength of God's will, established among His people, to stabilize a better and stronger foundation for the moral structure of society. They were a memorial to the Children of Israel of the miraculous pillars of Fire and Cloud which had made possible their escape from bondage. They were placed in that position of prominence so that the doctrines of Freemasonry might not pass into oblivion.

The enrichments signify that if the people of the world would accept our philosophy they would be bound together in unity, purged in purity and blessed with all the necessities of life. These Two Great Pillars also signify the passing from childhood to manhood of all C's, for, as they cross the threshold of Freemasonry in the E.A. Degree they progress past the Pillars and ascend to the Middle Chamber of the Temple or to the middle life in Masonry where they discover the Grand G.O.T.U. This leads us to say that if we pattern our lives on the fundamental principles of the Order, our conduct will be an example for the conduct of others. We shall be ready to meet the trials and temptations of this life and be prepared for the life hereafter.



Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence

The Masonic World today is in a state of uncertainty and it is difficult to forecast the future. Conditions are settled only in the British Commonwealth of Nations and in the United States of America. There are however some Grand Lodges in Europe which appear to be emerging from a state of confusion. In Norway there has been recovery and the Grand Lodge is functioning despite the fact that Masonic Temples were destroyed; even the Grand Lodge Temple in Oslo was ruined by the invaders who tore down the decorations and were converting it into what was planned to be a restaurant. The National Grand Lodge of Denmark during the last year has become active and relations with it have been renewed by several Grand Lodges. In Germany it is reported that lodges in the American Military Zone are being organized with the consent of the local military authority; it will however be a long time before conditions are stable and official recognition will undoubtedly be delayed. In the Russian-controlled zone all Masonic activity is strictly prohibited. The Grand Orient of Belgium does not require a declaration of a belief in God from its members and until a change takes place no recognition can be made by the regular Grand Lodges of the world. The Grand Lodge of the Netherlands is gradually recovering from disaster notwithstanding the destruction of its buildings and libraries, the dispersion of its membership and the death of the Grand Master in Buchenwald Camp. In France where there are three Grand Lodges, only one of which is recognized by the Grand Lodge of England, all appear to be recovering but conditions there are in such an uncertain condition that it is impossible to say what the future holds. In Switzerland the Grand Lodge Alpina which functioned during the war, recently held its 94th Annual meeting and is widely recognized. In Austria where Masonry was suppressed, there is activity. The Grand Lodge has been re-opened and three lodges have been reformed and are apparently recognized by the Government of Austria. In Hungary it is reported that the Government has recently repealed a decree in force for 25 years which prohibited Freemasonry; meanwhile buildings and property were destroyed and the lodges dissolved. In Italy there are two Grand Lodges, each of which has been recognized by some Grand Lodges in the United States, and at present they are being investigated by a delegation from the Masonic Service Association. In Greece there are reports to the effect that Masonry is being revived but conditions there are in a most unsettled condition. The Masonic Temple in Athens is at present occupied by homeless refugees. As to conditions in South America there is difficulty in determining whether or not recognition should be extended. Several Grand Lodges there are widely recognized but in the case of some, regularity of origin and adherence to the established standards are doubtful.

In presenting the report of the Committee on Correspondence at the last Annual Communication reference was made to an address delivered by the Grand Master of Oregon at the Conference of Grand Masters on the question of Negro Freemasonry. In that address the statement was made that the Prince Hall (Negro) Masonry was of regular origin and had many lodges and members throughout the United States. There has now come to hand through the courtesy of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts a report on the subject made by a Committee of six Past Grand Masters appointed in March 1946 to investigate the subject of Negro Freemasonry. At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in March 1947 the report of the Committee was presented and considered. The Committee found that the origin, early procedure and subsequent development of the so-called Prince Hall Masonry

were regular and legitimate; that there is reliable and uncontradicted documentary evidence (dated June the 30th, 1784) that "African Lodge" of which Prince Hall was the Master, was, in 1776, granted a permit by John Rowe of Boston (then Provincial Grand Master of North America so designated by the Grand Lodge of England in 1768). Members of the Committee inspected the original charter of African Lodge No. 459 granted by His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, dated the 29th of September 1784, appointing Prince Hall a negro, resident of Boston to be its Master. This charter is the source of all duly constituted Prince Hall Freemasonry and is now in the possession of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The African Grand Lodge was organized by an assembly of the Craft (coloured) in 1791, and in 1797 two additional lodges were organized, one in Philadelphia and one in Providence. In 1808, on the death of Prince Hall at a function of the three existing lodges, the name of the Grand Lodge was changed to The Prince Hall Grand Lodge as a memorial to him. For more than a century and a half the two branches of Freemasonry appear to have existed side by side in Massachusetts, each by its own preference adhering strictly to its own racial sphere of activity and without intervisitation. The Committee expressed the opinion that in view of existing social conditions it is advisable for the official and organized activities of white and coloured Freemasonry to proceed in parallel lines but organically separate and without mutually expressing demands or commitments; and that within these limitations informal co-operation and material helpfulness between the two groups upon appropriate occasions are desirable. The report of the Committee was adopted but it should be noted that the Committee did not recommend and the Grand Lodge did not vote what is generally known as recognition nor was any action taken in regard to intervisitation.

It is of interest to note that the subject of Negro Freemasonry was discussed at the Grand Master's conference in 1947, and according to reports of the Conference given by some Grand Masters present the general opinion was that Prince Hall Masonry could not be and should not be ignored. It is also of interest to mention the fact that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California reported at its Annual Communication in 1947 correspondence which he had with the Grand Master of Massachusetts in regard to the report of the Committee on Negro Freemasonry and the action of the Grand Lodge thereon. In the correspondence the Grand Master of California took the position that by its action the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had invaded the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California and recognized Negro Freemasonry therein. The Grand Master of California asked the Grand Lodge to give the matter full consideration and the Committee which dealt with the Subject expressed the hope that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts would reconsider its action and would clarify the language of the report which it was claimed indicated a recognition of Prince Hall Masonry. Here I think it should be stated that a careful reading of the report of the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which was adopted by that Grand Lodge, indicates that no recommendation for recognition of Prince Hall Masonry was made and no such action was taken by the Grand Lodge.

The United Grand Lodge of England in 1947 mourned the passing of its Grand Master the Earl of Harewood. Many Grand Lodges including a number in the United States sent messages of sympathy to the Grand Lodge of England. To succeed him the Duke of Devonshire was chosen and at the Quarterly Communication in March, 1948, he was Installed by His Majesty the King who is a Past Grand Master having resigned the position when he ascended the throne. It is of interest to note that His Majesty also installed the Earl of Harewood, and in addressing the Brethren he spoke of the great loss sustained by the fraternity through his removal, and paid tribute to the services rendered by him

during his term of office.

Fraternally submitted,
W. M. MARTIN,
Chairman.

ALBERTA

42nd Annual Communication at Calgary, June 11th and 12th, 1947. Grand Master A. G. R. Bond. Lodges 151. Members 13,043. Gain 501. All the officers attended and 14 Past Grand Masters were present. The representatives of 40 jurisdictions were present, Saskatchewan being represented by M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill. After the opening ceremony the Grand Master referred to the deaths of R.W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell, M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop and M.W. Bro. T. F. English. The brethren stood in silence for two minutes as a tribute to the memory of these distinguished brothers. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Canada in Ontario, British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and New Jersey.

In his address the Grand Master said that never has a cleavage in world society through diametrically opposed ideologies been so clearly revealed as during many sessions of the Security Council and the Plenary Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations. The year has been one in which jealousy, suspicion and intolerance have been witnessed; our hopes for a world peace have been dimmed, yet we are hopeful that time will bring about the peace all desire.

The Grand Master reported the condition of Masonry in Alberta "excellent", but that it would be an exaggerated statement to say that perfection had been reached. He stated that he had visited the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Canada in Ontario. He also attended the Conference of the Four Western jurisdictions at Banff and said that the meeting was one of the most important movements for advancement in the history of Western Canada Masonry. This Grand Lodge was represented at the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington by the Senior Grand Warden and the Grand Master referred to the gathering as the First Conference of the Grand Masters of North America.

According to the report of the Grand Treasurer the finances are in a sound position, there being a balance in the General Fund as the result of the year's operations. In the War Distress Fund there is a balance of nearly \$3,000 after substantial grants were made to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and to the United Grand Lodge of England. There is a Benevolent Fund of \$223,000 and grants were made during the year of about \$6,400.

The Committee on Correspondence reported a request for recognition from the Scottish Grand Lodge, Symbolic of the State of Ceara (Brazil) and recommended that the application be deferred for a year. The Committee also reported applications from other Grand Lodges in South America but stated that the position of Masonry there appears to be under a cloud and recommended that the correspondence be filed.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. William Ireland, assisted by a number of the brethren. The Saskatchewan proceedings contain the initials at the foot "S.H." and I assume the reviewer is M.W. Bro. Sam Harris who was formerly a resident of Regina and if my memory serves me correctly was initiated by the writer in Wascana Lodge No. 2. The Review of Saskatchewan proceedings is kindly and complete and the writer thanks Brother Harris for his continued interest in Saskatchewan and for his reference to the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

ARIZONA

65th Annual Communication at Phoenix, April 16th and 17th, 1947. Grand Master A. E. Schaffner. Lodges 39. Members 7,353. Gain 469. There was a full attendance of Grand Lodge officers and all the lodges were represented. 14 Past Grand Masters were present and the representatives of 56 jurisdictions were in attendance, Saskatchewan being represented by Bro. J. K. Chilton. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of California, Colorado, New Mexico and British Columbia.

This Grand Lodge mourned the passing of two Past Grand Masters, M.W. Bro. Louis Myers, and M.W. Bro. J. J. Sweeney. Special Communications were held to conduct the funerals of these distinguished Brethren and the Grand Master in his address paid tribute to the services that they had rendered to the Fraternity.

The Grand Master reported Masonry in a flourishing condition in Arizona. The membership for the year indicated the interest being taken. He visited many of the lodges and also visited the Grand Lodges of Nevada and California. He attended the Conference of Grand Masters and also the Annual Meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association.

The Grand Secretary reported that all lodges conferred degrees during the year. He stated that there had been 97 requests from other jurisdictions to confer degrees by courtesy. This Grand Lodge has an automatic suspension law applicable to the lodges, and if a member has not paid his dues at the end of the twelve months period he stands suspended. According to the annual returns 174,000 have been given time to pay their dues and 79 members have had their dues remitted. Under the practice suspensions have dropped to a very low figure.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Bolivia and the Grand Lodge National of Colombia.

The Committee on a Masonic Home reported that no home should be built at this period of high building costs and that any decision should be postponed for a period of at least five years. They recommended that the program of home relief be continued.

The Review of Correspondence is by Bro. Frank C. Huskison. In a foreword the reviewer stated that he could not prepare a review of each jurisdiction as of January 1st, 1947. Only a few had been received. He asked the representatives of the various jurisdictions to prepare reviews and forward them to him. The Saskatchewan proceedings are not referred to in the reviews published, no doubt because they were not received in time or it may be that they did not reach the Saskatchewan representative.

ARKANSAS

106th Annual Communication at Little Rock, November 18th and 19th, 1947. Grand Master J. W. Hamilton. Lodges 381. Members 43,175. Gain 3,695. Three Emergent Communications were held during the year, one to lay the cornerstone of a new temple, one to dedicate a new temple, and the third for the purpose of conducting the funeral service of M.W. Bro. M. P. Olney, Past Grand Master.

All the Officers attended the annual meeting and 17 Past Grand Masters were present. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, Kansas and Mississippi. The representatives of 61 jurisdictions attended, Saskatchewan being represented by Bro. J. L. Davis. 278 constituent lodges were represented.

The Grand Master reported his attendance at the Conference of Grand

Masters in Washington and at the Annual Meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association.

During the year the Grand Master was informed that certain members of the Shrine in Pine Bluff had conducted a lottery and among them were members of the local lodge. He instructed that they be put on trial. The instructions were complied with and the members pleaded guilty and promised not to be guilty again. Their punishment was therefore a reprimand. The Grand Master was also informed that many lodges had members who were in possession of permits for the sale of liquor and beer. Instructions were given to put such members on trial. Approximately 50 members were found guilty and the Grand Master stated that all the lodges are now cleared on their rolls from liquor dealers.

The Grand Master reported activity among the lodges in the building of new homes and stated that the action should be commended, so long as money could be raised and the buildings paid for. No lodge should embark on a program which it could not finance. Requests were made to him to circulate an appeal on behalf of certain lodges for funds and this he refused to do as in his opinion every lodge should look after its own financial problems.

For several years no applications were received for admission of children into the Home. Each year the number of children in the Home declined until last year there were only six (6). These were removed and arrangements made to provide for them elsewhere. Meanwhile the Home property is being held in reserve to be immediately available if required. The sum of \$6,283 was expended during the year for the assistance of 54 needy brethren.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported a number of requests for recognition from Grand Lodges in Mexico and South America. They referred to the fact that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts recognized 10 Grand Lodges in the Mexican states as well as the York Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Lodge of New York recognizes 4 as well as the York Grand Lodge. They recommended that the Grand Master be authorized to grant recognition to those Grand Lodges in Mexico requesting such recognition and which had been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

There is no published review of correspondence. Appended to the proceedings however are several papers dealing with the early history of Masonry in Arkansas.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

76th Annual Communication at New Westminster, June 19th and 20th, 1947. Grand Master K. K. Reid. Lodges 122. Members 15,396. Gam 958. An Emergent Communication was held in Vancouver on September 21st, 1946 for the purpose of constituting Landmark Lodge No. 128. There was also an Emergent Communication in New Westminster on June 4th, 1947, for the purpose of dedicating the Craft Room and Chapter Room in Free Masons' Hall. There was a full attendance of the officers at the Annual Meeting and 12 Past Grand Masters were present. The representatives of 43 jurisdictions attended, Saskatchewan being represented by M.W. Bro. H. B. Morley. W. Bro. William M. Mott, Mayor of New Westminster, extended a welcome on behalf of the City.

The Grand Master stated it was the second occasion on which he had welcomed the Brethren at the Annual meeting and that this was the first time in the history of the jurisdiction that this privilege had come to a Grand Master. He reported that he had visited as many of the lodges as possible and had given preference to those situated far from the centres of population.

This Grand Lodge mourned the passing of M.W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith, who died on February the 20th, 1947. He had served as Grand Secretary for 27 years. Another Past Grand Master M.W. Bro. S. S. Willis passed away on April 24th, 1947. He served with distinction over a long period of

years. The Grand Master paid tribute to the services rendered by these distinguished Brethren.

The Grand Master reported attendance at the Conference of the four Western Canada Jurisdictions at Banff and stated the discussions were interesting and the papers presented instructive. He also attended the Conference of Grand Masters of North America at Washington. 57 jurisdictions were represented including 7 in Canada. He was also present at the Conference of the Grand Lodges of Canada at Monte Bello, Quebec, when discussion arose as to having an annual all-Canadian meeting. The matter was referred to a Committee with the Grand Master of Alberta as Chairman and the suggestion was made that an effort be made to arrange a meeting in 1949. The Grand Master also attended the annual International meeting of Lafayette Lodge No. 241 in Seattle.

The representatives of other jurisdictions were assembled and extended best wishes from their Grand Lodges. The Grand Master thanked them and requested them to convey to the jurisdictions represented the good wishes of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

The finances are in sound position, there being a surplus in the general fund as the result of the year's operations. There is a Benevolent Fund of about \$580,000 and the interest on investment amounted to \$17,210. There was disbursed on the orders of the Benevolent Committee for relief the sum of \$11,840.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by the Chairman R.W. Bro. J. R. Oliver. Reference was made to the death of M.W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf who was foreign correspondent for 25 years and Grand Secretary for 27 years and who was known in many jurisdictions for his able reviews. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1946 are very fully reviewed. There are references to the death of two Past Grand Masters, the finances, the Conference of Western Grand Lodges at Banff, and to the work of the Committee on Masonic Education.

CALIFORNIA

98th Annual Communication at San Francisco, October 13th to 17th, 1947. Grand Master J. R. Moore. Lodges 590. Members 173,917. Gain 12,165. All the officers attended and 21 Past Grand Masters were present. There was a very large representation of members, there being 1,625 officers and representatives from 552 of the lodges.

In his address the Grand Master referred to the general condition of Masonry in the State; he said the membership was at an "all-time peak" and that the gain of 12,165 for the year had not been exceeded in any year during the history of the Grand Lodge.

As this Grand Lodge will soon celebrate its Centennial, a Committee has been appointed to make arrangements. The Grand Master visited the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico where he was extended the utmost courtesies. He also visited the Grand Lodge of Washington. He journeyed to the Hawaiian Islands where he was tendered several receptions by the lodges and found them all in excellent financial condition and membership increasing.

The Masonic Homes Endowment Board had a very successful year in adding to the Endowment Fund. There was a total increase for the year of \$470,000, the Fund now amounting to almost \$3,000,000.

The Grand Master made reference to the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in adopting a report of a Committee to the effect that Prince Hall (Negro) Freemasonry was "regular and legitimate". As to this the Grand Master said that the Grand Lodge of California has always adhered to the doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction and that since 1850 it has been the Supreme Masonic power in the state and recognizes no authority, except in itself, to grant any charter or dispensation for a Masonic lodge. The Grand Master concluded

that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts by its action in recognizing as regular the Prince Hall Freemasonry did violence to and invaded the authority and rights of the Grand Lodge of California and that the friendly relations had been severely strained. He reported correspondence with the Grand Master of Massachusetts who had replied to the effect that no violence had been done to the Grand Lodge of California for the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts recognized only the Grand Lodge of California so far as that state was concerned. Considerable correspondence took place which the Grand Master reported and he asked that full consideration be given to the subject. The Committee on Policy expressed the hope that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts would reconsider its action and clarify the language which now indicates a recognition of Prince Hall Masonry.

The Grand Secretary presented an interesting table showing the membership in each of the years 1942 to 1947 and the increases. The membership increased from 126,317 in 1942 to 173,917 in 1947.

The Homes at Decoto and Covina are being improved and refurnished requiring the expenditure of a large sum of money. There is, however, a reserve of \$500,000 to provide funds for rehabilitation. Applications for admission to the Homes have not fallen off but have increased from month to month. The finances are in excellent shape but a large expenditure is necessary. In the Home at Decoto there were at the beginning of the year 275 residents and the average cost per resident per year was \$702.00. At the Home at Covina the average cost was \$1,469 per year.

A Special Committee appointed on the George Washington Memorial recommended that a limitation be placed upon official action in changes in plans so as to keep the completed structure within the bounds of reason; that a definite sum be fixed upon for costs of administration; that in any annual budget an ample sum be budgeted and later set aside in money for investment to constitute the fund to cover depreciation; that a definite sum be fixed for the cost of completion by men skilled in the art of construction. The Committee pointed out that while an amount exceeding half a million dollars was on hand and available for construction the sum of \$1,200,000 was still necessary for completion, and that a fund of \$4,000,000 was necessary for endowment of which only \$180,000 had been raised. California has already contributed \$171,467.

The Committee on the recognition of Grand Lodges reported applications from the Grand Lodge of France, the National Grand Lodge of Syria and Lebanon, the Grand Lodge of Ceara (Brazil) and the Grand Lodge of the Argentine. It stated that a report would be made after fuller investigation.

The Committee on Correspondence presented a topical review of statements selected from addresses of Grand Masters in various jurisdictions. The subjects dealt with are Correspondence Reviews, Bulletins, Foreign Masonry, Foreign Relief, Life Memberships and Negro Masonry. The review is most informative on all the subjects dealt with.

CANADA IN ONTARIO

92nd Annual Communication at Toronto. July 16th and 17th, 1947. Grand Master C. S. Hamilton. Lodges 569. Members 104,400. Gain 4,891. All the officers attended and 4 Past Grand Masters were present. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec, New Brunswick and also from a number of jurisdictions in the United States.

A resolution was passed recording the great loss suffered in the death of M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, Grand Master in 1917 to 1919, and who was the oldest surviving Past Grand Master. A resolution was also passed to be forwarded to the United Grand Lodge of England extending sympathy in the death of the Grand Master the Earl of Harewood.

In his address the Grand Master said that the world was haunted by many shadows and that mistrust and suspicion stalk amongst the nations once united in war; economically there is continuous unrest and politically there is increasing ferment in the pressure of strange doctrines.

The Grand Master paid an extended tribute to M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope who died on June 27th, 1947, and also to the Most Rev. Derwyn T. Owen, Primate of all Canada, who passed away on the 9th of April, 1947.

In commenting on the large increase in membership the Grand Master said that numerical strength alone will not produce the desired results; it must not be forgotten that Freemasonry can rise no higher than its members make it rise by their own character, conduct and effort. He reported a substantial revival of interest but commented upon irregular and non-attendance as showing a complete lack of interest. Three new lodge premises were dedicated during the year.

Two lodges have completed 100 years of continuous history, Lodge No. 27 in Hamilton and Ionic Lodge No. 25 in Toronto. Both lodges were granted dispensations one hundred years ago by Sir Allan McNab, Provincial Grand Master on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England.

600 boxes of food per month are being sent to Brethren in England and Scotland in accordance with lists furnished by the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland. This activity commenced on September the 1st, 1947, and will be continued till August 31st, 1948. The cost, including transportation, is \$8.00 per box and the moneys are provided from a balance in the British War Relief Fund, and further contributions by the lodges.

A reception was accorded to representatives of sister jurisdictions present. They were assembled and welcomed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Treasurer reported an excellent financial year—the best in the long history. Cash on hand and the par value of investments exceed \$1,000,000.

The Grand Secretary in reporting on the membership stated that the gain of 4,891 was the largest since 1931. The low point in membership was in 1941, when there were 91,398 members. Since that date there have been annual increases until now the membership is 104,400.

The Review of Correspondence is by R.W. Bro. R. A. McGregor. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1946 are very fully dealt with. There are references to the flag ceremony, the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, the Report of the Committee on Masonic Education and to the Reviews of the Committee on Correspondence.

COLORADO

87th Annual Communication at Denver, September 16th and 17th, 1947. Grand Master G. C. Olinger. Lodges 148. Members 36,370. Gain 2,167. Three Special Communications were held during the year, one for the purpose of instituting a lodge and two for the purpose of conducting the funeral services of two Past Grand Masters M.W. Bro. John Andrew and M.W. Bro. R. W. Hershey.

All the officers attended the Annual Meeting and 14 Past Grand Masters were present. 133 constituent lodges were represented. The Grand Master extended a welcome to the Past Grand Masters stating that their presence was an inspiration and an encouragement to carry on the work. Visitors attended from the Grand Lodges of Utah, Arizona, Ohio, Kansas, New Mexico, New Jersey, and Nebraska. The representatives of 75 sister jurisdictions were in attendance Saskatchewan being represented by M.W. Bro. Casper S. Desch. The Grand Master welcomed them and asked them to convey the good wishes of the Grand Lodge of Colorado to their respective jurisdictions.

The Grand Master reported having visited 101 of the 148 lodges. He

stated that the meetings were generally well attended and that it had been an inspiration to him to meet with Brethren throughout the State. He also reported attending the Annual meetings of the Grand Lodges of Utah, Kansas, New Mexico and Wyoming and also the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington where, in addition to the Grand Lodges in the United States, several jurisdictions in Canada were represented, among them Saskatchewan. He also attended the Annual Meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association and presented a cheque for \$1,077 on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

The Grand Master during the year addressed a letter to all lodges calling attention to the need in Europe caused by the late war. The response was generous and as a result a substantial cheque was sent to the Masonic Service Association.

The Trustees of the Masonic Benevolent Fund reported the value of all assets as \$762,000, an increase of \$46,000 over the previous year. Nearly all the Fund is invested in stocks and bonds and the average yield is 3.7%. During the year the trustees paid out to 22 beneficiaries the sum of \$10,973.

The Masonic Army and Navy Committee created for the purpose of serving Brethren in the armed forces and to aid them in procuring employment and to assist in their rehabilitation, presented a full report and asked that the Committee be dissolved and permitted to hand over to the Grand Treasurer the balance of money in their hands. They also suggested that a Committee be appointed to perform such further services to the veterans as may be considered necessary having in mind visitations in the veterans' hospitals. The Committee raised a total sum exceeding \$26,000 and expended the sum in excess of \$18,000. The balance on hand was approximately \$8,000.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by M.W. Bro. Harry L. Baum. The Review is topical and many important subjects are referred to. The total membership in the United States is placed at 3,032,747, which is stated to be not the largest of all time as the membership in 1930 was 3,303,126. The work of the Masonic Service Association is referred to. This organization received \$2,500,000 from 39 United States Grand Lodges and operated 75 service centres. In addition some Grand Lodges formed their own service organization, the Grand Lodge of New York having raised and spent approximately \$1,500,000. There is a lengthy account of conditions in Europe and the question of physical qualification is dealt with and the statement made that many Grand Lodges are adopting a more liberal attitude. The problem of Negro Freemasonry receives comment with the history of the attitude of several Grand Lodges thereto. It is of interest to note that the Grand Lodge of Washington at the beginning of this century voted to permit visitation of certain Coloured Masons in lodges under its jurisdiction and this in spite of the fact that the Negroes were members of lodges not recognized by any of the Grand Lodges with which the Grand Lodge of Washington maintained Fraternal Relations. This was thought to be an attack on the American system of Grand Lodge sovereignty and the result was wholesale withdrawal of recognition from the Grand Lodge of Washington which later reversed its position and recognition was restored. The reviewer refers to the addresses given before the Conference of Grand Masters by the Grand Masters of Oregon and North Carolina as to the regularity of origin of Prince Hall Masonry and finally draws attention to the report of a Committee of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to the effect that Prince Hall Masonry was regular and legitimate and recommended that the organized activities of White and Coloured Masons proceed in parallel lines but organically separate and without materially embarrassing demands or commitments. The Grand Master of New York at its meeting in May, 1937, spoke with approval of the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and advised that the subject be referred to a committee to report at the next annual meeting.

CONNECTICUT

159th Annual Communication at Hartford, February 5th and 6th, 1947. Grand Master E. K. Haling. Lodges 129. Members 39,715. Gain 1,866. All the officers attended the Annual Meeting and 13 Past Grand Masters were present. After the opening ceremony the National Flag was presented and the pledge of Allegiance given. 126 lodges were represented and visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of the District of Columbia, Delaware, Vermont, Rhode Island and New Jersey.

This Grand Lodge mourned the passing of M.W. Bro. E. L. Darbie, Grand Master in 1930, who rendered splendid service for many years. The Grand Master in his address paid an extended tribute to this distinguished Brother both for his services to Masonry and as a citizen. The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters, the annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association, and of the George Washington National Memorial Association. The Masonic Service Association was urged to continue and to extend its work in establishing hospital visitation service where government hospitals for the wounded are in operation. At the meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association the Grand Master presented a cheque on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for \$2,260 for the Endowment Fund representing one dollar for each of the initiates in the previous year.

The Committee on the Masonic Home Endowment Fund reported an increase in the fund for the year of more than \$60,000. The Fund now exceeds \$1,000,000. It is the policy of the Masonic Charity Foundation to support children in their homes wherever possible and in certain years the cash outlay for such support has exceeded \$40,000. The Foundation is now caring for 321 persons at a cost of \$279,000 a year, and a special assessment of \$4.00 is at present left to help carry on the work of the Charity Foundation. The cost of maintenance has increased very substantially in recent years because of increased costs.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge Ceara in Brazil but advised delay in the application of the Grand Lodge of Syria and Lebanon.

The Review of proceedings is by M.W. Bro. Winthrop Buck. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1946 are very fully reviewed with references to the address of the Grand Secretary as to the gain in members and to the Benevolent Fund.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

136th Annual Communication at Washington, December 18th, 1946. Grand Master William E. Schooley. Lodges 47. Members 22,475. Gain 904. All the officers attended and 11 Past Grand Masters were present. 45 Lodges were represented. The roll of Grand Representatives was called and the Grand Master asked them to convey to their respective Grand Lodges the fraternal greetings of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The Masonic Service Centre which operated in the basement of the Temple was closed on April 15th, 1946, after a conference with the Masonic Service representatives. The sum of \$22,383 was handed to the Secretary of the Masonic Service Association to help in their activities. The Grand Lodge has been contributing \$1.00 per capita but for 1947 the assessment will be 50 cents.

M.W. Bro. Joseph H. Cunningham, Grand Master in 1920, passed away during the year. The proceedings contain a memorial to this distinguished Brother who served Grand Lodge in many capacities.

The Board of Directors of the Masonic Home reported the finances in excellent condition. In the childrens' building there are only three residents at

present with room for twenty others. There is, however, not sufficient accommodation in the Infirmary and the Directors have decided upon an addition to cost about \$150,000.

The Grand Master stated that his greatest objective during his two years of office was the education of new members in order to interest them and thus avoid the losses which occurred after the First World War. He stated that "a man keeps what he values and discards what to him is of little worth". He reported the condition of the Fraternity excellent, the lodges financially sound, membership increasing and general enthusiasm.

Reference was made by the Grand Master to the Committee sent by the Masonic Service Association to investigate conditions in the devastated countries of Europe. He stated that he had authorized the payment to the Fund suggested by the Committee of the sum of \$2,517 as a donation from the Grand Lodge and reported that the fund now amounts to \$115,000.

At the St. John's Day Communication on December 27th, 1946, the election of officers was held and M.W. Bro. Marvin Farrington was elected Grand Master for 1947. He was installed and delivered a brief address thanking the Brethren for the honour conferred upon him, stating that he was cognizant of the great responsibilities of the office.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. J. Walter Karsner. In a foreword, reference is made to the gains made by all Grand Lodges and it is stated that the percentage of gain was slightly over 6½% in 1945, a little less than in 1944. There is also a reference to physical qualifications and the differences of opinion as to a more liberal application of the doctrine. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1946 are fully reviewed. There is a reference to the presentation of the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes, to the increase in membership and to the Benevolent Fund. The Committee on Masonic Education is complimented on the papers presented and printed in the proceedings.

ENGLAND

Quarterly Communication was held on March 5th, 1947, when the Assistant Grand Master R.W. Bro. W. H. V. Darrell presided. Notice of motion having been given at the last quarterly meeting, the Earl of Harewood was elected Grand Master for the ensuing year. A resolution was adopted expressing congratulations to the Grand Master and Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal upon the celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

A resolution was also adopted expressing deep sympathy with His Majesty King Gustav V of Sweden and with the Crown Prince in the loss they had sustained by the untimely death of H.R.H. Prince Gustav Adolf.

The Board of General Purposes referred to the practice established in 1942 of conferring the First Degree by courtesy on candidates serving with the armed forces who had been elected by their lodges and transferred overseas before a ceremony could be performed. The Board stated that prevailing conditions did not warrant the continuance of the courtesy and recommended that the Grand Lodge revert to the provisions of rule 173 which enacts that only the second and third degrees may be conferred by courtesy.

The returns presented showed 5,709 lodges on the register, of which 1,376 are in London, 3,580 in the Provinces, and 753 abroad.

On December 31st, 1946, the Fund of General Purposes amounted to £220,000, the Masonic Memorial Fund to £1,352,000 and the Benevolent Fund to £496,500.

At a meeting held on April 30th, 1947, the Grand Master, the Earl of Harewood presided. In addressing the brethren and before proceeding to business he called attention to the loss which had been suffered in the death of His Majesty King Christian of Denmark, Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Denmark since 1912. He referred to the fact that it was only about six months

since the oldest lodge in Denmark celebrated its 200th Anniversary and on that occasion a deputation from the Grand Lodge of England went to Denmark and invited His Majesty King Christian to become Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th of March, 1947, relating to the election of Grand Master were read and confirmed and the Grand Master was then proclaimed by the Director of Ceremonies. The Grand Master then thanked the Brethren for the confidence shown in him and announced that the Deputy Grand Master General Sir Francis Davies had asked to be relieved of office. In his stead the Grand Master announced the appointment of the Duke of Devonshire who had served as senior Grand Warden and also as Provincial Grand Master for Devonshire.

At the Quarterly Communication held on September 3rd, 1947, R.W. Bro. Brigadier General W. H. V. Darrell presided, and he announced that it was now the duty of the members to elect a Grand Master in the place of the late Earl of Harewood. He proposed the name of the Duke of Devonshire, the Deputy Grand Master and stated that he had belonged to a great Masonic family and like his predecessor had served the Province of Derbyshire as Provincial Grand Master. The nomination was seconded and the Duke of Devonshire was unanimously elected and was then proclaimed.

In the report of the Board of General Purposes it was stated that it was felt that the Grand Lodge would wish to mark the occasion of the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth by a wedding gift and an expression of loyal and sincere congratulations and that a resolution to this effect would be moved. Subsequently the President of the Board Sir Ernest Cooper, moved that the sum of 500 guineas from the Grand Lodge funds be voted for the purpose of presenting a suitable gift to the Princess with earnest good wishes for her future happiness. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

The Grand Master the Duke of Devonshire was formally introduced and thanked the Brethren for the great honour conferred upon him stating that it was a position so great as to be beyond the aspiration of any man. He referred to the fact that for very many years the Craft had the advantage of being led by a prince of the Royal House and that it was a matter of very great regret that as circumstances are at the moment there is no member of the Royal House available. He also said, however, that they did enjoy the continued interest of His Majesty the King who takes a lively interest in everything connected with the institution. He spoke of the long line of the predecessors of Queen Victoria, of her sons, grandsons and great grandsons who presided and said it would be a happy day when once more the succession is renewed.

R.W. the Earl of Scarborough was appointed Deputy Grand Master. He had been a District Grand Master for Bombay.

At the Quarterly Communication on December 3rd, 1947, the Grand Master the Duke of Devonshire, presided. He made reference to the practice of celebrating special occasions by conferring an honour on an outstanding Mason of another jurisdiction, and he proposed that the rank of Past Grand Master be conferred upon His Majesty King Gustav, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Sweden who had occupied that position for forty years, two years longer than the late Duke of Connaught. He expressed the desire that the conferring of the rank would be regarded not only as a mark of esteem for the King of Sweden but also as a mark of appreciation of the happy association which has existed for so many years with the Grand Lodge of Sweden.

A notice was given that at the next Quarterly Communication a motion would be made that the Duke of Devonshire be re-elected as Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Special Committee on Benevolence called to take up duties at the outbreak of war reported that except for a brief period in 1940 when the Full Board temporarily resumed meetings, it had continued to maintain the benevolent

work. Despite the difficult times they reported that every petition for relief had been promptly dealt with and stated that in making their final report it was a pleasure to be able to so state.

FLORIDA

118th Annual Communication at Jacksonville, April 15th, 16th, 17th, 1947. Grand Master Frank A. Brown. Lodges 224. Members 35,555. Gain 4,316. An Emergent Communication was held on April 19th, 1946, for the purpose of conducting the funeral service of M.W. Bro. R. V. Chapman, Past Grand Master. There were also emergency meetings to dedicate a new lodge and to lay the cornerstone of a new lodge building.

All the officers attended the Annual meeting and 8 Past Grand Masters were present. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Georgia and Canada in Ontario. 202 lodges were represented.

The Grand Master reported the finances in a sound position and stated that they had been in good condition for many years. He said that the most important work was the Masonic Home located at St. Petersburg. A considerable sum was expended during the year on repairs and equipment. At the end of the year there were 37 residents in the Home and the cost of maintenance including the repairs was about \$70,000. There is an Endowment Fund of \$235,000.

The Grand Master attended all the District meetings and visited many of the lodges. At all meetings he invited questions as to the Masonic Home and any of the business conducted by the Grand Lodge. He visited the Grand Lodges of Alabama and Georgia and attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington where subjects were discussed of general interest not only to the jurisdictions in the United States but elsewhere. In reporting on the Conference he referred to the visit to the White House where the visitors were welcomed by the President of the United States. The Grand Master received several requests for the building of new temples and the alteration of old ones. In each case he asked the District Deputy to investigate the advisability of the contemplated work and gave or withheld approval depending on the financial ability of the lodge concerned.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Colombia at Barranquilla, the Grand Lodge of Venezuela, and the Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo (Brazil), stating that these Grand Lodges were legitimate in origin and have been recognized by a number of jurisdictions in the United States.

The Review of Correspondence is by R.W. Bro. R. L. Martin. In an introduction the reviewer refers to the knowledge gained by a perusal of the proceedings and speaks of the work of reviewing as "a pleasant even though an exacting task". The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1946 are very kindly reviewed with references to the ceremony of the presentation of the Stars and Stripes and Union Jack, the Conference of the Western Canada jurisdictions, and the educational program.

GEORGIA

160th Annual Communication at Macon, October 22nd, 23rd, 1946. Grand Master J. H. Wilkinson. Lodges 455. Members 61,154. Gain 7,022. All the visitors attended and 9 Past Grand Masters were present. 46 sister jurisdictions were represented among them Saskatchewan by Bro. A. T. Harrison. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Florida and North Dakota. 355 lodges were represented. The Grand Matron of the Eastern Star was received and delivered an address.

The Grand Master referred to the end of the war and said that although

more than a year had passed statesmen still sat with the representatives of other powers around the peace table. He expressed the hope that peace and harmony may be brought to a troubled world.

The Grand Master referred to the growth in numbers and reported charters granted to 5 new lodges. He reported attendance in Washington at the Conference of Grand Masters and the Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association. He spoke of the reception given to those in attendance by the President of the United States. He visited the Grand Lodges of Florida and South Carolina and also visited many of the lodges during his year of office.

The total revenue for the year exceeded \$178,000 and the balance in the General Account was substantially increased. Maintenance of the Masonic Home cost \$30,000, and there is an Endowment Fund of about \$200,000. The Home at present is confined to children and a committee has been appointed to consider a Home for the Aged.

There is no published review of correspondence.

IDAHO

81st Annual Communication at Coeur d'Alene, September 16th, 17th and 18th, 1947. Grand Master R. K. D. Sluyter. Lodges 80. Members 11,630. Gain 675. All the officers attended and 16 Past Grand Masters were present. After the opening ceremony the National Flag was presented and the National Anthem was sung and the pledge of allegiance given. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Washington, Oregon and Wyoming. A reception was accorded to the Past Grand Masters present and also to the representatives of sister jurisdictions. 73 constituent lodges were represented.

The Grand Master referred to the fact that 20 years ago the 61st Annual meeting was held at Coeur d'Alene and stated that the name had been given to the Indians in the vicinity by the French traders. The Indians were said to be shrewd traders and hard hearted and were called *coeur d'alenes* which means "a heart as sharp as a shoemaker's awl".

Owing to an apparent misunderstanding in the lodges as to the physical requirements of petitioners, the Grand Master sent a letter to all lodges calling attention to the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence in 1926, in which it was stated that each lodge might decide the physical fitness when the defect was of so minor a character as not to prevent the candidate from acquiring and communicating his knowledge in a Masonic manner; but in the event of more serious defects the subject should be communicated to the Grand Master who may issue a dispensation granting or withholding permission. The Grand Master referred to one case where the lodge had initiated a candidate and in his opinion they should not have done so without asking for a dispensation.

The Grand Master visited the Grand Lodge of Utah and also attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington. He reported the many interesting subjects there discussed.

The lodges generally are in a flourishing condition. The Grand Master spoke of the gain in membership and the degrees being conferred but stated that one meeting each month should be devoted to Masonic Education.

The finances are in a splendid condition. There is a Relief Fund of \$245,000. The George Washington Memorial Association is supported by a grant of \$1.00 for each new member. The amount contributed during the past year was \$827, making the total contribution of Idaho \$18,236.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodges of Para, Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo in Brazil; the Grand Lodges of Colombia at Bogota and Colombia at Cartagena; the Grand Lodge of Guatemala; the Grand Orient of Italy; the Grand Lodge El Potosi (Mexico); the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands and the Grand Lodge

Alpina (Switzerland).

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. J. G. Eldridge. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1947 are very fully reviewed. There are references to the Flag Ceremony and to the Address of the Grand Master with quotations therefrom. We thank M.W. Bro. Eldridge for his very kindly review and are glad that the proceedings arrived in time to be included.

ILLINOIS

108th Annual Communication at Chicago, October 14th and 15th, 1947. Grand Master, William Tinsley. Lodges 975. Members 224,226. Gain 9,225. Prior to the opening ceremony M.W. Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, the Dean of Past Grand Masters delivered an address in which he related events of 30 years ago. All the officers attended and 6 Past Grand Masters were present. Visitors were present from 16 sister jurisdictions, the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan being represented.

The Grand Master reported the lodges throughout the state busy and in a prosperous condition. He expected the report of the Grand Secretary would show a gain of 10,000 and he expressed concern as to how many of the new members had learned the real meaning of Masonry.

The Grand Master spoke of the Illinois Masonic Hospital as one of the best institutions in the state and the largest Masonic Hospital in America. During the period from January 1st, 1946, to September 1st, 1947, an average of 600 patients per month were admitted and an average of 15,000 patients per month visited the clinic. Free service is given to members and their families who cannot afford to pay. The assets exceed \$1,300,000.

In referring to the George Washington National Memorial the Grand Master stated that Illinois had failed in its duty to pay \$1.00 per member by about \$80,000. He suggested a budget to make up the deficiency.

During the year the Grand Master was informed that Masons were being solicited to petition for the so-called higher degrees. As a result he addressed a letter to all lodges stating that the practice was most reprehensible.

The cornerstone of a new wing for the Masonic Hospital was laid at an occasional Grand Lodge on November the 16th, 1946. There were two consolidations during the year each of two lodges.

Reference is made in the proceedings to the great loss suffered by the United Grand Lodge of England in the loss of the Grand Master, the Earl of Harewood.

There were 182 residents in the Masonic Home at the end of the year. The amount appropriated for the year was \$127,000, of which, all was spent except \$3,199. On account of increased costs an appropriation of \$140,000 was asked for the year 1947-48 and in addition, \$38,500 for rehabilitation and improvements.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Elmer E. Beach. In an introduction it is stated that while we are in the second year of peace yet there is no peace. A challenging subject is that of Negro Freemasonry, the reviewer stating that for 170 years Negro Freemasonry has existed and has been viewed as clandestine. Distinguished Masons however have now said that it is legitimate, having received its charter from the Grand Lodge of England. The problem requires sober and earnest thinking. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1946 are very kindly reviewed with references to the Flag Ceremony, the work of the Committee on Masonic Education and the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

INDIANA

130th Annual Communication at Indianapolis, May 27th and 28th, 1947. Grand Master, O. A. Dellinger. Lodges 569. Members 149,144. Gain 9,547. All the officers attended and 16 Past Grand Masters were present. 538 constituent lodges were represented. Visitors attended from the Grand Lodges of New Jersey, Ohio, District of Columbia, Tennessee, Michigan, Kansas and Illinois. The representatives of 51 sister jurisdictions were present.

In his address, the Grand Master said that during the hectic days of war people subordinated their personal interests to the good of all. But now that co-operation had disappeared and groups are arrayed against other groups and industrial and economic strife fills the air. He stated that the peace of the world would be disturbed so long as it takes men to realize that only harmonious action and co-operation can accomplish anything which resembles peace.

The Grand Master reported that the lodges generally are active and the officers proficient. As to contributions to the Masonic Home he stated that many of the lodges were on the right side of the ledger but some have neglected to remember their obligation to those less fortunate than themselves. He referred to the need for an addition to the Home and stated that the Committee in charge had procured plans and had been authorized to advertise for bids.

The finances are in a sound position. There was a balance in the General Fund as the result of the year's operations and there is a Masonic Home Maintenance Fund exceeding \$775,000. In all funds there is a balance exceeding \$1,000,000. The cost of maintaining the Masonic Home was \$252,000 or \$784 per capita. The increased cost for the year was about \$35,000. There were 322 residents in the Home at the end of the year.

The Review of Proceedings is by M.W. Bro. Elmer F. Gay. Incorporated with the review is an interesting table of statistics of membership in the United States and Canada. The membership in the United States is placed at 2,961,707, and the gain for the year is 182,642. The membership in Canada is stated as 182,198, and the gain 7,731. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1946 are very fully reviewed with references to the Benevolent Fund and to the subject of physical qualifications referred to in the review in 1946.

IOWA

103rd Annual Communication at Davenport, June 10th and 11th, 1947. Grand Master H. F. Nolte. Lodges 544. Members 81,461. Gain 4,597. The United States Flag was presented and the Brethren joined in the pledge of allegiance. An address of welcome was given by the Mayor of Davenport. Visitors attended from the Grand Lodges of Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana and Missouri. 13 Past Grand Masters were present.

The Grand Master in his address referred to the end of hostilities and the period of reconstruction; he said much could be done to bring peace to civilization by spreading the tenets of love, relief and truth.

This Grand Lodge mourned the passing of two Past Grand Masters: M.W. Bro. Frank B. Whittaker, Grand Master in 1913, and M.W. Bro. F. L. Van Hoesen, Grand Master in 1942. Special Communications were held to conduct the funeral services of these distinguished Brethren and the Grand Master in his address paid tribute to their long and devoted service.

The Grand Master visited the Grand Lodges of Missouri and Illinois. In reporting on the condition of the lodges he stated that they were in better condition than for years. There has been an unusual amount of work and the smaller lodges in particular have greatly benefitted by an increasing interest on the part of the membership due to the number of petitions, a condition which he thinks will continue for a number of years. He uttered a caution as to the

investigation of petitioners. He issued dispensations for the formation of two new lodges and constituted one lodge. He also dedicated three new lodge halls. The membership in the last five years has increased by 14,650.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and also the annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association. He referred to discussion as to the advisability of remaining a member of the Association, stating that the Grand Lodges of Texas and Mississippi had withdrawn and that the Association now comprises 28 Grand Lodges in the United States. He spoke of criticism of the Association without stating the particulars but recommended that for the time being membership be retained. He attended the Annual Meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association and stated that he wished that everyone in Iowa could see the beautiful memorial.

The Committee on Grand Lodge recognition recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge Tamaulipas (Mexico) and the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands. As to applications from the Grand Lodge Campeche (Mexico) and the Grand Lodge of Ceara (Brazil) they reported that they were awaiting further information. As to applications from the Grand Lodge of Syria and Lebanon and the National Grand Lodge of Palestine they were not satisfied that these conformed to the recognized standards and referred to the fact that conditions there were very disturbed.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. E. R. Moore. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1946 are very fully and kindly reviewed. There is a Reference to the presentation of the Union Jack and Stars and Stripes and the ceremony connected therewith, to the gain in membership, to the reports of the District Deputies and to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The reviews of Bro. Moore are very complete and instructive. The Grand Master in his address paid tribute to his work and stated that the Grand Lodge was very fortunate in having a man with his capabilities in charge of the reviews. There is a splendid table of statistics in regard to the membership in the United States and Canada. The total membership in the United States is placed at 3,102,075, and the gain for the year 198,197. In Canada the membership is stated to be 194,306, and the gain 11,271. It is stated that owing to difference in dates at which the information was given by various Grand Lodges the totals and gains may not be identical with those found in other proceedings.

KANSAS

91st Annual Communication at Wichita, February 12th and 13th, 1947. Grand Master S. G. Wiles. Lodges 435. Members 79,169. Gain 5,213. All the officers attended and 15 Past Grand Masters were present. Visitors attended from the Grand Lodges of Missouri, Colorado and Wyoming. The roll of Past Grand Masters was called and the Grand Master welcomed them, thanking them for their service and the help they had given him. A welcome was extended to the Grand representatives present by the Deputy Grand Master. Saskatchewan was represented by M.W. Bro. James H. Trice. 261 Lodges were represented.

The Grand Master made a lengthy reference to the differences of opinion between employers and employees, stating that some method must be devised to resolve the differences; when social leaders assume ruthless attitudes and by domineering methods seek to gain their ends there must be men who, by their training, can see some middle ground "where all can dwell in equity and where peace and harmony will prevail".

An important event of the year was the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Home. In connection with the celebration an effort was made to increase the Endowment Fund with the result that a substantial Fund

was raised. The income of the Home was about \$112,000 and the cost of maintenance was \$122,000. There is an Endowment Fund of \$815,000 and the assets were valued in excess of \$2,000,000. The Grand Master visited many of the lodges and also attended the Annual meetings of the Grand Lodges of Missouri, Colorado and Utah. He was also present at the Conference of Grand Masters and the Annual Meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association. On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Kansas he presented a cheque for \$5,000 to the Memorial Association, this money having been voted in 1946. He recommended the payment of a similar sum for 1947.

Referring to the membership the Grand Master said that by numerical measurement Masonry had a thriving year with an increase of 5,213. He emphasized the responsibility of all members in the training of new Brethren in the fundamentals of Masonry. He spoke of some inactive lodges and expressed the opinion that some of them should be merged with lodges of proven strength.

The Committee on Foreign Relations made no recommendations as to the recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges but stated that a charitable attitude should be assumed and that the duty of the Committee was to examine carefully all applications for recognition and make recommendations thereon. They referred to the action of the Grand Lodge of New York in extending recognition to the Latin Grand Lodges and also the action of the Grand Lodge of Missouri in recognizing all the Grand Lodges of Mexico which are members of the Federation of Grand Lodges. The action of these two Grand Lodges was cited "to guide the Grand Lodge of Kansas in its future deliberations upon the question of foreign recognition".

The review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Otto R. Souders. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1946 are very kindly reviewed. There is a reference to the presentation of the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes at the opening ceremony.

KENTUCKY

146th Annual Communication at Louisville, October 16th, 1946. Grand Master Charles S. Johnson. Lodges 486. Members 63,855. Gain 6,162. There was a full attendance of the officers and 18 Past Grand Masters were present. The American flag was presented and the pledge of allegiance given. 463 lodges were represented. Visitors attended from the Grand Lodges of Indiana, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Tennessee and Illinois.

It is interesting to note that the Grand Master was a resident of the Masonic Home for years. He entered the Home when fifteen and remained there until 1926. During this time he was an apprentice in the printing department where he was employed at the time he left. He is now the Manager of the Home printing plant.

This Grand Lodge marked the passing of M.W. Bro. Frank D. Rash, Grand Master in 1929 and M.W. Bro. H. L. Peterson, Grand Master in 1937. Both of these distinguished Brethren had served in many capacities and the proceedings contain Memorials to them.

An addition to the Masonic Home costing \$96,000 was dedicated on June the 8th, 1946. The Grand Master recommended that the Committee appointed to raise funds to erect a Masonic Temple be dismissed and the project abandoned on the grounds that there are other more worthy projects. He suggested a hundred-bed hospital in connection with the Home to care for those who from illness cannot be taken care of in the Home at the present time. He also suggested that consideration be given to the election of a Grand Master for a two-year term; but the Committee on Jurisprudence doubted the wisdom of such a change.

In referring to the membership the Grand Master stated that the gain had been the greatest experienced for a quarter of a century. The gain of 6,162

was exceeded only in two years, namely 1920 and 1921. The peak of membership was in 1924 when there were 72,603 members. From that year the membership declined and a low mark was reached in 1939, when there were 42,289 members, a total decrease of about 30,000.

The finances are in excellent condition. The income for the year was sufficient to meet all expenses and leave a balance exceeding \$32,000.

The Committee on the Universality of Freemasonry of which M.W. Bro. J. H. Cowles is Chairman, presented a report dealing with conditions in South America, Europe and the Philippine Islands.

M.W. Bro. H. C. Hanson is Grand Master for 1946-47.

LOUISIANA

136th Annual Communication at New Orleans, February 10th and 11th, 1947. Grand Master, Theodore F. Mathes. Members 32,566. Gain 3,472. All the officers were present and after the opening ceremony the Flag of the United States was presented and the pledge of allegiance given. 17 Past Grand Masters were present and 232 lodges were represented. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of California and Texas.

This Grand Lodge mourned the passing during the year of three Past Grand Masters, M.W. Bro. John C. Ayers, M.W. Bro. W. G. Rogers, and M.W. Bro. Emil Sundbury. The Grand Master in his address paid tribute to these three distinguished Brethren and the proceedings contain memorials to them.

In his address the Grand Master referred to the restlessness prevailing; the American delegation at the peace conference receives an endless repetition of "No's" to every proposition advanced by them; there is worry about starvation in Europe and about wars in Palestine, India and China; all should be grateful that the country is delivered from famine and suffering.

The Grand Master reported visiting every district, some of them more than once, and pointed to the difficulty of visiting all the lodges. He visited the Grand Lodge of Maryland and attended the conference of Grand Masters and the Annual Meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association. In referring to an increase in members he warned against making Masons too hastily lest in the years ahead a decline takes place as from 1929 to 1943.

Reference was made by the Grand Master to the amendment authorizing the relaxation of certain physical qualifications and he pointed out that the matter is now one for decision by the Masters of the lodges.

In the Masonic Home at Alexandria there are 40 children and the Home is in an excellent financial condition. There is a probability of more children in the Home and it was pointed out that an increase in the number would reduce the cost per capita.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported a review of 40 of the Grand Lodges of the United States, 6 in Canada, 6 in Australia, the Grand Lodge of England, and a number of Latin American Grand Lodges. The report was presented by the Chairman of the Committee, M.W. Bro. E. F. Gayle. The Committee reported that on May 29th, 1946, there were in the United States 2,817,133 Masons, a gain for the year of about 160,000. The membership in Canada was stated to be 177,207, a gain of 6,667. In the United States New York has the largest membership, 243,194 and Nevada the smallest, 3,572. Reference is made to many expressions deploring the increase in membership and the experience after the first war is recalled. The Committee however does not share the pessimistic view. Reference is also made to the effect of State Social Aid on Masonic Benevolence. There is also a reference to the Home activities in several states. Masonry in Greece is dealt with and it is stated that at a meeting on July 30th, 1946, decisions were reached which it is hoped will mark the real beginning of the rehabilitation of Greek Masonry. Latin Masonry in Mexico and South America is dealt with at length. This report contains much useful information.

MAINE

128th Annual Communication at Portland, May 6th to 8th, 1947. Grand Master, C. W. Keene. Lodges 206. Members 40,591. Gain 2,207. All the officers attended and 10 Past Grand Masters were present. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of the District of Columbia, Delaware, Missouri, Quebec, Wisconsin, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. The Roll of Grand Representatives was called and 53 responded. They were welcomed by the Grand Master and asked to extend the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Maine to their respective jurisdictions. 185 lodges were represented.

In his address the Grand Master referred to the large increase in numbers as "the largest for many years". He reported the lodges in a healthy condition; district meetings were held in every district, the meetings were well attended and great interest was manifested. At all the meetings the Grand Master emphasized the need of care in receiving candidates and stated that the first qualification for membership should be character.

The Grand Master was not able to make many visitations nor to accept any invitations from other jurisdictions because of distance and family illness. He however attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and the Annual Meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association. He referred to the Conference as "truly inspiring"; all jurisdictions in the United States were represented and 7 of the 9 jurisdictions in Canada.

In September 1946, the Masonic Service Association established a Hospital Visitation Service at the Veterans' Hospital at Togus. The service has proved most satisfactory and the Grand Master recommended a contribution of \$4,000 for the continuance of the work.

In concluding his address the Grand Master stated that the problems of today are the proper investigation and selection of candidates, and the education of the candidates in the history, laws, customs and philosophy of Masonry. He said that there will certainly be another depression and if new Brethren are well educated the impact on the Fraternity can be greatly reduced.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported a number of applications for recognition, among them the Grand Orient of Belgium, the National Grand Lodge of France, the Grand Lodge of Italy, the Grand Lodge of Bolivia, and several Grand Lodges in Brazil. In all cases the Committee recommended that recognition for the present be withheld.

An amendment to the Constitution was adopted which had the effect of placing a more liberal construction on the doctrine of physical qualifications.

M.W. Bro. Cyrus N. Blanchard, Grand Master in 1930-31, passed away during the year. The proceedings contain a memorial to this distinguished Brother.

M.W. Bro. C. W. Keene was chosen Grand Master for a second year.

MANITOBA

72nd Annual Communication at Winnipeg, June 4th and 5th, 1947. Grand Master, M. S. Donovan. Lodges 105. Members 11,798. Gain 748. All the officers were present and 16 Past Grand Masters were present. The Union Jack and Stars and Stripes were presented and the Brethren joined in singing "God Save the King" and "The Star Spangled Banner". 98 lodges were represented and visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, New Jersey, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

There was a Special Communication on July 5th, 1946, for the purpose of installing R.W. Bro. Coddington as Grand Junior Warden.

A resolution was adopted conferring honorary membership of the Board of General Purposes on R.W. Bro. S. H. Green because of 10 years continuous

service. The Board of General Purposes recommended that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba become a permanent member of the All Canada Conference. This recommendation was adopted by resolution.

The Grand Secretary reported that the returns covering 1946 were all in his office before March 1st, 1947, and that this was a record. He also reported that there had been considerable activity among the lodges in acquiring new premises for lodge purposes.

The representatives of 60 sister jurisdictions were present, Saskatchewan being represented by R.W. Bro. A. Burgess. Speaking on their behalf M.W. Bro. J. T. Boyd, the representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland offered cordial greetings to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Grand Master visited many of the lodges and also visited the Grand Lodges of Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Minnesota. He was represented at the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota by the Senior Grand Warden. He also attended all the district meetings. In his address he emphasized the importance of the district meetings. During the year he addressed a letter to all the lodges asking them to remember the Benevolent Fund at Christmas time.

In presenting the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence Bro Hugh M. Kerr referred to the "widespread demand" for speed in increasing members and the dispensations granted for shortening the time between degrees and the initiating of candidates in "wholesale lots".

The Committee on Benevolence reported that the number receiving monthly grants was 30, and the amount disbursed was \$5,545. They commended the lodges which had assumed a share of the responsibility and reported a Christmas gift to each beneficiary.

The Review of Correspondence is by Bro. Hugh M. Kerr. The review is topical and consists of quotations from the addresses of Grand Masters on the Condition of Masonry, Life Membership, solicitation for membership, dual and plural membership and many other subjects. The Address of the Grand Master in the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan is extensively quoted and his Christmas message is also referred to. The review contains much useful information and is in most readable form.

MARYLAND

161st Annual Communication at Baltimore, November 18th and 19th, 1947. Grand Master, H. L. Huether. Lodges 120. Members 36,842. Gain 2,257. A Semi-Annual Communication was held at Baltimore on May 27th, 1947. There was a full attendance of the officers. The Past Grand Masters were escorted into the Grand Lodge and a warm welcome extended to them by the Grand Master.

In his address the Grand Master said that the world still seemed in a state of confusion and that the goal of peace had not been reached. It was the duty of all to continue with renewed vigour the fundamental teachings of brotherly love in order to bring about a true appreciation of the brotherhood of man.

The Grand Master in referring to the membership, spoke of the gain in the preceding period of six months and expressed the hope that an increase in numbers was not the chief aim of the Fraternity; numerical strength alone will not produce the best results.

The Grand Master reported his attendance at the Conference of Grand Masters and referred to the various subjects there discussed, stating that they were of a value difficult to appreciate. He also stated that six Canadian jurisdictions were represented at the Conference.

The Committee on Foreign Relations recommended that recognition be extended to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico. As to an application from the Grand Lodge of Uruguay the Committee recommended that it be held for future

consideration. Requests from the Grand Orient State of Ceara (Brazil), the Grand Lodge of Bolivia, and the Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo (Brazil) were held for further information.

All the officers attended the Annual Communication and there was a large representation of the lodges. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Connecticut, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Delaware, Ohio, and the District of Columbia. In his address the Grand Master stated that never before had the Grand Lodge been honoured by the presence of so many distinguished guests from other jurisdictions.

The Grand Master reported the finances in excellent condition. A refund of 25% of the per capita tax was made to all the lodges for the current year. The investments of the Home Endowment Fund exceed \$861,000, a substantial increase for the year, and the total investments in all funds exceed \$1,700,000. There are 111 residents in the Masonic Home. On account of increased costs there was a deficit in the operation for the year. A Fund of \$225,000 has been raised for an infirmary but on account of the scarcity of materials, delay in building is advised.

The Committee on Foreign Relations recommended that no action be taken in connection with applications for recognition from several Grand Lodges in Brazil, stating that there was considerable doubt as to their pedigree. They made the same statement as to the Grand Lodges of Bolivia and Uruguay. They recommended that recognition be extended to the National Grand Lodge of Denmark.

This Grand Lodge supports the Masonic Service Association by a grant for welfare work among men in hospitals.

A reception was accorded to the representatives of sister jurisdictions of whom there were 48 present. The Grand Master welcomed them and asked them to convey the sincere greetings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland to their respective jurisdictions. Saskatchewan was not represented.

There is no published review of Correspondence.

MASSACHUSETTS

Grand Master, S. H. Wragg. Lodges 325. Members 102,647. Gain 3,948. Quarterly Communications were held in March, June and September, 1946, and the Stated Communication was held on December the 27th. There were many special meetings for the purpose of celebrating anniversaries of the constituent lodges.

At the Quarterly meeting in March, visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of New Jersey, Maryland and Rhode Island. The Grand Master reported his attendance at the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington and also at the Annual Meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association. As to the Memorial he said that it was projected in 1910 and that the first estimate of cost was \$2,100,000. To date the cost has been \$4,500,000 and \$1,000,000. is required to complete the structure. Whatever the cost, however, he said that the Memorial is a credit to Masonry and a source of inspiration to all who have seen it.

At the meeting in June, visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Connecticut and Rhode Island. The Grand Master thanked the District Deputies for the services they had rendered, stating that they had well performed everything requested of them. He stated that the District Deputy system was created in 1801 as the result of a recommendation made in 1799 by the then Grand Master and that since then the practice has been adopted in other jurisdictions until now it is practically countrywide. There is active interest in the formation of new lodges and at present there are two under suspension.

Immediately after Pearl Harbour the six lodges in China ceased work and

within a few months all lodge properties were seized by the Japanese. For five years no direct word came from the lodges, the first letter having been received in January, 1946. 5 of the oldest lodges are now again active.

At the Quarterly Meeting in September visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, Virginia, Quebec, Rhode Island, North Carolina and New Brunswick. 36 jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. James Young.

The Grand Master reported visiting two jurisdictions in Canada, namely Canada in Ontario and New Brunswick, and stated that he had a profitable experience and enjoyed the friendly atmosphere.

Owing to increased costs the maintenance of the Home and Hospital is increasing. The estimated cost is \$193,730, and of the per capita of \$2.00 the sum of \$1.30 is allotted to the maintenance of the Home. From this amount it is hoped to realize the sum of \$185,000 which will scarcely cover the cost of maintenance. The Grand Master stated that whole-hearted co-operation in the payment of dues was necessary.

In reporting on the membership the Grand Secretary said that for the first time since 1938 the membership exceeded 100,000. The high point was in 1929 when the membership was 124,985. From 1929 to 1943 the membership steadily declined to 93,607. In 1944 and 1945 and 1946 a gain has been reported each year. There are 325 lodges of which 309 are in Massachusetts, 7 in the Canal Zone, 6 in China and 3 in Chili.

At the stated Communication on December the 27th, visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of New Jersey, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Vermont, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Delaware.

M.W. Bro. Wragg was installed Grand Master for the second year and after the installation ceremony the usual banquet was held when addresses were delivered by the Grand Master and by the Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, Frederic Cook.

MICHIGAN

102nd Annual Communication at Grand Rapids, May 28th and 29th, 1946. Grand Master R. J. Burch. Lodges 514. Members 134,999. Gain 8,014. All officers attended and 18 Past Grand Masters were present. 49 jurisdictions were represented. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Colorado, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Canada in Ontario and Wisconsin. 449 constituent lodges were represented.

This Grand Lodge mourned the passing of 2 Past Grand Masters during the year, M.W. Bro. Hugh A. MacPherson, Grand Master in 1918, and M.W. Bro. Charles A. Durand, Grand Master in 1923. The proceedings contain memorials to these distinguished Brethren.

The Grand Master reported the lodges generally in a flourishing condition; in the industrial centres lodges have all the work they can do while a few of the lodges in the rural areas have had few petitions. Most of the lodges are in a healthy financial condition and some were planning new quarters.

The Masonic Home Board requested permission to build an addition to the Hospital which has accommodation for 40 beds. The addition is for 50 beds, and the estimated cost is \$230,000. To provide the money the Home Board suggested an assessment of \$1.00 per member for two years. There are 178 residents in the Home of whom 44 are in the Hospital. The cost of maintenance of the Home and Hospital was about \$158,000 and there is an Endowment Fund of \$700,000.

The Grand Master encouraged the holding of group or zone meetings at which needed information was given particularly to the new members. 80 such meetings were held with a total attendance of nearly 5,000.

Referring to the recognition of foreign jurisdictions the Grand Master said that the unsettled conditions in Europe makes the matter of foreign relations of great importance and that there was a problem in Latin America. For these reasons he recommended that the incoming Grand Master be given authority to appoint a Foreign Relations Committee. The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that a Standing Committee on Foreign Relations be appointed and that pending such Committee being set up the Grand Master appoint an Interim Special Committee.

An Amendment to the Constitution was approved permitting lodges by a two-thirds vote to make contributions for charitable and patriotic purposes which are not strictly Masonic in their nature. Such total contributions must not exceed 5% of the dues received during the previous calendar year. An amendment providing for the collection of \$5.00 from each applicant for the Home Endowment Fund was defeated.

A motion that Grand Lodge contribute ten cents per member or about \$13,000, to the Fund of \$150,000 being raised in the United States for the rehabilitation of Masonry in Europe was referred to the Finance Committee. After consideration the Finance Committee advised that the sum of \$5,000 be appropriated for the purpose. The contribution of ten cents per member was adopted after debate.

M.W. Bro. Paul O. Strawhecker is Grand Master for 1946-47.

MINNESOTA

94th Annual Communication at St. Paul, January 15th, 16th, 1947. Grand Master Vernon Gates. Lodges 292. Members 53,691. Gain 2,913. All the officers attended and 14 Past Grand Masters were present. After the opening ceremony the National Flag and the Union Jack were presented and the National Anthem and God Save the King were sung. 45 sister jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. R. E. Van Kirk. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Manitoba, Nebraska, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Chili, The Phillipine Islands and Canada in Ontario.

The Grand Master stated that the year had been a notable one with a large increase in membership and the lodges generally in good financial position. He reported 321 dispensations to confer degrees on more than 5 but not more than 10 candidates at the same meeting; and 16 to hold more than one meeting on the same day.

The sum of \$2,500 for the relief of Masons in Europe has been sent to the Masonic Service Association. The Grand Master spoke in the highest terms of the work of the Association and their services to disabled men in the veterans' hospitals. He advised continued support.

The Grand Master referred to the Masonic Home as "our greatest charity and one of which we are justly proud". It is filled to capacity with 180 residents. There is an Endowment Fund exceeding \$1,000,000.

This Grand Lodge has since 1921 maintained an officer at Rochester with a full time representative whose duties are many and varied. These consist of visits, reading letters, sending telegrams, meeting all the patients and assisting them to the hospital, finding rooms for visitors and arranging transportation.

The Grand Master recommended a revision of the regulations with respect to physical qualification in order to adopt a more liberal attitude towards candidates who are maimed.

The Grand Master visited many of the lodges and attended the annual meetings of the Grand Lodges of Manitoba, Iowa, North Dakota and Illinois. He was represented by some of the officers at the Annual Meetings in Wisconsin and South Dakota.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition

be extended to the Grand Lodge of Bolivia and the Grand Lodge of Tamaulipas (Mexico).

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. E. A. Montgomery. 53 jurisdictions are reviewed, among them Saskatchewan for 1946. There is a reference to the presentation of the Union Jack and Stars and Stripes and the singing of the national anthems of the two countries. There are also references to the work of the Committee on Masonic Education and the subjects dealt with, and to the Benevolent Fund.

MISSISSIPPI

129th Annual Communication at Jackson, February 11th and 12th, 1947. Grand Master Paul M. West. Lodges 307. Members 34,477. Gain 3,258. In the absence of the Grand Master, Grand Lodge was opened by the Deputy Grand Master. 10 Past Grand Masters were present and 271 lodges were represented. The address of the Grand Master was read by M.W. Bro. J. C. Peden, Deputy Grand Master.

In his address the Grand Master referred to the period of reconstruction after the great world conflict; the world is in a turmoil as it endeavours to recover; everywhere there is hunger, want and conditions which breed discontent and which, unless checked, will lead to social and economic changes.

Reference was made by the Grand Master to the increase of membership in Mississippi and throughout the United States, and the very large increase in several of the States was particularly referred to. The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters and delivered an address on "Post-War Assistance to Veterans". He also attended the meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association and he recommended that the Grand Lodge of Mississippi make a special effort to meet the balance of the quota due the Association.

For four months preceding the annual meeting the Grand Master was absent from the state and the administration was carried on by the Deputy Grand Master. Because of his absence the Grand Master was not able to visit many of the lodges. The Deputy Grand Master reported that in September, 1946, he received a letter from the Grand Master stating that he was leaving the State for Baltimore and that according to the bylaws the duties of the Grand Master would fall upon him. He reported several dispensations granted by him and visits to several of the lodges.

The Grand Secretary reported that all lodges had paid their dues in full and that two lodges had surrendered their charters.

The Committee on Correspondence reported on several applications for recognition. They recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Denmark, to the Grand Lodge National of Syria at Lebanon. As to the Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo and the Grand Orient of Belgium they advised that further information be required. As to the Grand Orient Espanol (in exile in Mexico) they recommended that the application be refused.

In the Girls' Home at Meridian there are 16 residents and the annual per capita cost is \$1,056. In the Boys' Home at Columbus with 12 residents the per capita is \$915. The total cost of maintenance of the two Homes was about \$28,000 and in addition the sum of \$7,206 was expended on outside relief.

The Past Grand Masters present were assembled and welcomed by the Grand Master. The Roll of Grand Representatives was called and 50 responded to their names, Saskatchewan being represented by Bro. N. S. Kearney.

The Finance Committee recommended that the membership in the Masonic Service Association be withdrawn because the need of the service is seriously questioned among the Brethren.

MISSOURI

126th Annual Communication at St. Louis, October 1st and 2nd, 1947. Grand Master Solon Cameron. Lodges 602. Members 104,850. Gain 5,780. All the officers were present and visitors attended from the Grand Lodges of Nebraska and Iowa. In his address the Grand Master paid tribute to those who had guided the Fraternity through the difficult days of the war and stated that he was the first for a number of years who had served his entire year in an era of peace. He stated that the memory of the great struggle could not be blotted out and especially the noble part played by so many in the armed forces. On January the 14th, 1947, he presided at a great memorial meeting called for the purpose of paying tribute to the memory of Brethren who lost their lives in the recent great world war.

An amendment of a year ago provided for the division of the State into not more than 30 administrative districts each to be presided over by a District Deputy Grand Master and a committee was appointed to fix the boundaries. This Committee carried out its task and provided for 29 districts. The Grand Master reported his attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association. He stated that since the termination of the war the work of the Association at the camps had, to a large extent, been discontinued; there was still, however, need for the work in the veterans' hospitals all over the United States and that there is every reason to be proud of membership in the Association. He also reported his attendance at the Conference of Grand Masters where several Grand Lodges in Canada were represented. At the Annual Meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association he presented a cheque for \$7,500. He expressed the opinion that the Memorial was completed for all practical purposes and that there was enough money on hand to complete it but money was required for an endowment fund.

The Grand Master in 1946, M.W. Bro. Bray recommended the establishment of a Grand Lodge newspaper to be published monthly and sent to every member. It was suggested that 50 cents from the per capita dues be set aside for the purpose. In referring to the subject the Grand Master pointed out the difficulties and stated that from investigation he ascertained that in other jurisdictions not more than 10% of the membership took the slightest interest in such newspapers. A Committee, however, is to report on the subject.

This Grand Lodge mourned the passing of M.W. Bro. George W. Walker, Past Grand Master. The Grand Master referred to the splendid services rendered by this distinguished Brother over a long period of years and stated that he had sent to all the lodges a suitable memorial.

The Grand Master was of the opinion that recognition should be accorded to many members of the Fraternity who responded to the call of their country and joined the forces and it was arranged to pay honour to them on "Flag Day", June 7th, 1947. There were 4,000 members present on the occasion of whom 400 were veterans. A welcome was extended and addresses given by the Grand Master, by the Mayor of St. Louis, and by Rev. Bro. James W. Clarke, who spoke on "The men who did not return".

The Grand Master referred to the splendid work of the Masonic Home stating that he had for 19 years served the Home as its physician and knew every member of the Home family. On September the 1st, 1947, there were 277 residents in the Home. Since 1944 wages have increased by \$19,000 and the cost of food by over \$23,000. Owing to the increased cost of supplies the management has made only the repairs which were absolutely necessary. The per capita cost was \$941.00.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. R. V. Denslow. The review is topical and covers a wide range of subjects. In his introductory remarks the reviewer states that no organization suffered more during the last world war than Freemasonry. Both Germany and Japan adopted the same policy towards Freemasons; they seemed to think that the Institution, being an inter-

national Fraternity, was a general peace movement and that it was opposed to war and as an organization was directed from Great Britain, the home of early Freemasonry and the mother of the Fraternity. They also thought that Masonry was intimately connected with the Jews but, as the Jews comprise a very small percentage of the membership, this seemed a foolish attitude. A large portion of the review is taken up with a picture of the Masonic world which M.W. Bro. Denslow is well qualified to give as he was a member of the Commission sent to Europe by the Masonic Service Association. The actions of the Japanese in the Philippine Islands and in China are recorded. Events in Norway, Denmark, Holland, France, Austria, Italy and Greece are referred to at length and anyone who desires to be informed on conditions in Europe will be well repaid by a careful reading of the story told. There is also an extended reference to the Declaration of Principles and to the declared policy of the Grand Lodge of New York as to the recognition of Latin Freemasonry which is charged with concerning itself with political questions and with the absence of the Bible from the Altar.

NEBRASKA

90th Annual Communication at Omaha, June 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1947. Grand Master B. F. Ayre. Lodges 279. Members 37,796. Gain 1,794. All the officers were present and 12 Past Grand Masters attended. An address of welcome was given on behalf of the lodges in Omaha by Bro. Carl S. Miller. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Missouri and South Dakota. A reception was given to the Past Grand Masters, the Grand Master stating that he was happy to welcome them and he thanked them for devoting their time and efforts to the welfare of the Fraternity. 229 lodges were represented.

The Grand Master reported on laying the cornerstones of two new buildings in connection with the Masonic Home for Boys. The buildings have been donated by two members of one of the Omaha Lodges. The Home for Children is at Fremont. He also reported the dedication of three new Masonic Halls. In referring to the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth the Grand Master said that it was rendering a service which could not be measured in "tangible values". Recently there has been a campaign to raise the sum of \$350,000 for the purpose of building additional fire-proof units to the Infirmary at the Home and to provide adequate housing facilities. The sum asked has not yet been subscribed and the Grand Master urged support. At present the sum of \$265,000 has been promised.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters and reported that this year invitations were extended to the Canadian Provinces to which 7 responded. For the first time in the history of the Conference all jurisdictions in the United States were represented. The Grand Master made reference to the subjects discussed and stated that many thoughtful suggestions were made and an opportunity was afforded for the exchange of ideas which should be beneficial. At the Annual Meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association a cheque was presented on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for \$13,000 of which the sum of \$5,000 was for the Maintenance Fund. The Grand Master visited the Grand Lodges of Iowa, Colorado, Missouri and Illinois and was represented at the Annual Meetings of the Grand Lodges of South Dakota, Wyoming and Minnesota. He visited many of the lodges and spent a very active year.

The Grand Secretary reported that all dues for 1946 had been paid. He also stated that there was one consolidation of two lodges and that one charter had been surrendered.

The Roll of Grand Representatives was called and 52 responded to their names. The Grand Master extended a welcome to them and a response was

given by the representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. Saskatchewan was not represented.

A Committee appointed to act in connection with the re-location of the Grand Lodge Office asked that their complete report be deferred for another year.

The Committee on the George Washington Memorial made a full report on the undertaking since 1923 when the cornerstone was laid. To date \$4,500,000 have been expended and another million is required to complete the structure. In addition the sum of \$40,000 a year will be required for maintenance and a Fund has been set up to provide this annual amount.

There is no published Review of Correspondence.

NEVADA

83rd Annual Communication at Reno, July 12th and 13th, 1947. Grand Master P. L. Maloney. Lodges 26. Members 3,937. Gain 190. All the officers attended and 24 lodges were represented. 17 Past Grand Masters were present. After the opening ceremony the flag of the United States was presented and the Brethren joined in the pledge of allegiance. The Past Grand Masters were welcomed by the Grand Master who paid tribute to the services they had rendered in past years. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of New Jersey, California and Utah. The veterans of two world wars present were warmly welcomed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master reported having visited every section of the State and having found the most sincere men in all communities members of the order. He emphasized the need of young men in the Fraternity. He referred, however, to the experience of the first world war and the result of hasty admission of large numbers; he emphasized the need of quality rather than quantity but expressed the opinion that although there had been a marked increase in recent years care has been exercised in selection.

The Committee on the legitimacy of Grand Lodges reported that due to unsettled world conditions they deemed it advisable to defer definite recommendations at the present time.

A reception was accorded the representatives of sister jurisdictions present. 52 jurisdictions were represented. Saskatchewan's representative, M.W. Bro. F. H. Norcross was present. A Special Communication was held at Carson City on August 17th, 1946, for the purpose of conducting the funeral service of M.W. Bro. Edward A. Ducker, Grand Master in 1924-25. The proceedings contain a portrait and a memorial to this distinguished Brother. The Grand Lodge also mourned the passing of M.W. Bro. Thomas Lindsay, Grand Master in 1917, and his portrait and a memorial to him also appear in the proceedings.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. E. C. Peterson, the Grand Secretary. 64 jurisdictions are reviewed, among them Saskatchewan, for 1946. In a foreword it is stated that every Grand Lodge had an increase in membership and that this is causing some Grand Masters considerable worry. The duty of every lodge to do everything possible to instruct new members is emphasized. The lack of attendance commented upon in many jurisdictions is referred to. In the review of the Saskatchewan proceedings reference is made to the address of the Grand Master and the increase in membership and to the report of the Board of General Purposes.

NEW BRUNSWICK

79th Annual Communication at St. John, August 22nd, 1946. Grand Master Arthur S. Robinson. Lodges 45. Members 6,153. Gain 482. A Special Communication was held at Moncton on June the 23rd, 1946, to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Baptist. After the Brethren assembled they proceeded

to Wesley Memorial Church where a service was conducted by the Chaplain the Reverend John H. Freestone.

On August the 21st, 1946, a convention of District Deputy Grand Masters and officers of the lodges was held.

All the officers were present at the Annual Meeting and visitors attended from the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Quebec and Nova Scotia. The Roll of Grand Representatives was called and 29 responded. The Grand Master welcomed them and asked them to extend the greetings of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick to their respective jurisdictions. 38 lodges were represented, and the attendance exceeded 200.

In referring to the post war period, the Grand Master said that everyone thought at the close of the war that the nations would welcome the end of hostilities and direct their energies to restoring conditions of peace; there is, however, disappointment as troubles have come in rapid succession and many have failed to learn the lessons of history.

The Grand Master visited many of the lodges and reported the work of a high order. He stated that the reception accorded him on all occasions was most gratifying. He attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and said that it was a highly valuable experience. He reported at length on the work of the Conference and on the subjects discussed, some of which were Masonry in Europe, assistance to veterans, the avoiding of mistakes made after the First World War, Masonic Education, Social Security Legislation and its effect on the charitable work of the fraternity, and Clandestine Masonry.

A Maritime Fall Conference of Grand Lodge Officers is planned. The Conference is to be held at the City of Moncton.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

158th Annual Communication at Concord, May 21st, 1947. Lodges 81. Members 14, 236. Gain 659. The Semi-Annual meeting was held at Manchester on September 19th, 1946, at which all the officers were present and 66 lodges were represented. After the opening ceremony degrees were presented by various lodges and after the three degrees the Grand Lodge was closed. According to the report of the Treasurer of the Masonic Home the revenue exceeded \$45,000 and the maintenance amounted to \$33,000. On October the 31st, 1946, there were 43 residents in the Home.

There was a Special Communication at Plymouth on April 25th, 1947, for the purpose of dedicating the new lodge room of Lodge No. 16.

All the officers attended the Annual Meeting and 7 Past Grand Masters were present. The representatives of 56 jurisdictions attended and all the lodges were represented. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts. After the opening ceremony a flag of the Republic of Mexico was presented which had been sent by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tamaulipas. The flag was presented to the Grand Lodge along with the Stars and Stripes and after the presentation the pledge of allegiance was given.

The Grand Master reported attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association. He stated that 31 jurisdictions continue membership in the Association. Texas recently withdrew. According to the Grand Master the Association continues its excellent work closing centres when their usefulness ceases due to the abandonment of military camps and at the same time creating more hospital centres. He also attended the Conference of Grand Masters and reported a most interesting session where instructive subjects were discussed. At the meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association he presented a cheque for \$1,456 on behalf of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire. In commenting upon the large increase in membership the Grand Master said that it was the largest for many years and he was of the opinion that lodges had ex-

exercised good judgment in selecting members. He reported an improvement in the financial condition of the lodges but said that some of them had too many members in arrears for more than two years.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge Oriental de Santander, the Grand Lodge del Estado de Nuevo Leon (Mexico), and the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands. Applications from the Grand Lodge of Syria and Lebanon, the Grand Orient of Belgium, the Grand Lodge of Spain in Exile, and the Grand Lodge of Ceara in Brazil were held for further consideration.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. J. M. Dresser. In an introduction the reviewer states that "the membership tide is still flowing". He estimates the general gain to be less than a year ago. The great problems of the day are stated to be "World Unrest", our own economic troubles, and the failure of the nations to agree on the basis of peace. 53 jurisdictions are reviewed among them Saskatchewan's for 1946. There are references to the Flag Ceremony, to the Conference of representatives of the four Western jurisdictions, and to the Benevolent Fund.

158th Annual Communication at Concord, May 21st, 1947. Grand Master J. O. Lovejoy. Lodges 81. Members 14,235. Gain 659. A Semi-Annual meeting was held at Manchester on November 19th, 1946. The degrees were exemplified by the officers of three of the lodges. The Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Masonic Home was held. There was also a meeting of the Board of Trustees. The receipts were reported as about \$46,000 and the cost of maintenance including outside care as about \$34,000. There were 43 residents in the Home on October 31st, 1946. The proceedings contain a memorial to Joseph Brodie Smith who died on May the 8th, 1947; he was Chairman of the Board of Trustees from 1927 to 1943 when he retired on account of ill-health. His philanthropies may never be known for he was interested in all who needed care, the sick, the crippled and the aged.

A Special Communication was held on April 25th, 1947, for the purpose of dedicating the New Lodge Room of Lodge No. 16.

There was a full attendance of the officers at the Annual Meeting and 7 Past Grand Masters were present. 54 sister jurisdictions were represented and 81 lodges were represented. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts. An interesting circumstance was the presentation of the Mexican Flag by M.W. Bro. J. M. Dresser, an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Tamaulipas (Mexico).

The Grand Master attended the Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association at Washington. He reported that the Association was carrying on its excellent work closing centres due to the abandonment of military or naval camps and at the same time creating more hospital centres. He also attended the Conference of Grand Masters and reported the subjects discussed as interesting and instructive. At the Annual Meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association he presented a cheque for \$1,456 for the Endowment Fund.

As to the condition of the lodges the Grand Master referred to the gain of over 600 in the membership and stated that there was every indication of continued gains. The financial condition of the majority of the lodges has improved but action should be taken on delinquent dues.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge Oriental Santander, the Grand Lodge del Estado de Nuevo Leon one of the confederation of Grand Lodges in Mexico, the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, in a desire to be of assistance to those who suffered so greatly during the war.

No recommendation, however, was made as to the Grand Lodge of Syria and Lebanon, the Grand Orient of Belgium, the Grand Lodge of Spain in Exile, and the Grand Lodge of Ceara in Brazil.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. J. M. Dresser. 54 juris-

dictions are reviewed. In a foreword it is stated that "the membership tide is still flowing" although the percentage of gain is slightly less than in the previous year. World unrest, economic troubles, and the failure of nations to agree on a basis to peace are stated to be the great problems of the day. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1946 are very kindly and fully reviewed. There are references to the Flag ceremony, to the Conference of Western Canada Grand Lodges at Banff, and to the Benevolent Fund.

NEW JERSEY

160th Annual Communication at Trenton, April 16th and 17th, 1947. Grand Master J. H. Schneider. Lodges 279. Members' 81,984. Gain 4,472. An Emergent Communication was held at Atlantic City on May 25th, 1946, for the purpose of constituting Justice Lodge No. 285 and installing its officers.

All the officers were in attendance at the Annual Meeting, and 21 Past Grand Masters were present. 66 jurisdictions were represented, Saskatchewan being represented by W. Bro. John W. Kempson. 272 lodges were represented. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, Delaware, District of Columbia and Illinois.

The Grand Master stated that for the first time in many years they were privileged to meet without the clouds of active war around. Restrictions had been lifted and there was great activity in the lodges. The condition of the Craft numerically and financially was better than in many years, and responsibility is greater today than ever before. He expressed alarm at the "flood of petitioners" and the rush on the part of the lodges to complete work and said that doing everything in a hurry has a tendency to disregard constituted authority.

The Grand Master spent a very busy year making many visits to the lodges. He expressed regret that he had not been able to accept all invitations sent to him. He issued a number of dispensations but with the emergency over he granted them only in cases involving the movement of men in the armed forces. He accepted a large number of requests for permission to receive petitions of applicants having a visible physical defect. He received, however, only 18, of which 8 were granted, with 4 pending.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and reported all topics were discussed in a most able manner, including Assimilating Wartime Masons, How to Promote Lodge Attendance, Physical Qualifications, Negro Freemasonry, and the Condition of Masonry in Europe. He also attended the Annual Meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association and presented a cheque for \$5,500, which makes the total contribution of New Jersey \$208,000.

The Grand Master dealt with the subject of finances, pointing out that operations had been met by the yearly contribution of every lodge of fifty cents for each member. This has been the amount contributed for many years and today the cost of operation has much increased. He advised that the contributions be increased to 70 cents per member. He also made reference to the increased cost of the Masonic Home.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported an application for recognition from the Grand Orient of Italy at Rome but stated that conditions were so unsettled that it would be necessary to make a thorough investigation. They also said that many Grand Lodges reported requests from Mexican and South American Grand Lodges but that none had come to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

The Review of Correspondence is by the Chairman of the Committee, R.W. Chairman Charles S. Elliott. 67 jurisdictions are reviewed. Special reference is made to the reorganization of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines and to the fact that all jurisdictions reviewed report a gain in membership. In the

United States the smallest increase was 175 and the largest 14,688; one lodge is reported to have had 483 new members in 1945 and 584 in the previous year. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1946 are very fully reviewed. There is a reference to the Flag Ceremony when the Union Jack and Stars and Stripes were introduced and the National Anthems of Great Britain and the United States sung. There are also references to the veterans of 50 years, to the District Deputy Grand Masters and to the Conference of the Western Jurisdictions at Banff.

NEW MEXICO

70th Annual Communication at Las Vegas, May 21st, 22nd, 1947. Grand Master F. J. Fitch. Lodges 56. Members 7,951. Gain 764. There was a special meeting on December 23rd, 1946, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Lodge No. 47.

There was a full attendance of the officers at the annual meeting and 12 Past Grand Masters were present. The representatives of 28 jurisdictions attended and were welcomed by the Grand Master who asked them to convey the greetings of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico to their respective jurisdictions. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Ohio, Colorado and Texas. 46 lodges were represented.

The Grand Master reported his attendance at the conference of Grand Masters and at the annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association. As to the Masonic Service Association he said he found nothing of any value to bring back to New Mexico. He stated that many interesting subjects were discussed at the Conference of Grand Masters, that all jurisdictions in the United States were represented as well as 7 in Canada and Puerto Rico. The Grand Master recommended continuance in membership in the Conference of Grand Masters.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodges of Italy, Argentina, Uruguay, Colombia and Panama and the recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges reported general activity in that 50 of them had an increase in membership, 2 remained stationary, and 4 had a decrease of 7.

In 1945 the dues of 370 members in the Services were remitted and in 1946 there were only 22 remissions. The financial condition of the lodges with one or two exceptions was reported above average. The Committee on Relief disbursed the sum of \$1,142.00.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. John Milne. The proceedings of 25 jurisdictions are reviewed but Saskatchewan is not among them, no doubt because they did not arrive in time to be included.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Grand Master Frank Whiddon. Lodges 612. Members 86,352. Gain 6,989. A Special Communication was held at Sydney on August 13th, 1945, for the installation of the Grand Master and the investiture of Grand Lodge officers. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and South Australia. The Grand Master was installed by M.W. Bro. F. A. Maguire.

A special Thanksgiving Service was held at Sydney on May 13th, 1945, to commemorate the termination of the war in Europe.

Quarterly meetings were held in September and December, 1945, and in March and June, 1946. As the meeting in September was the first over which the Grand Master had presided, he expressed his sincere appreciation of the honour which had been conferred upon him and assured the Brethren that he

would spare no effort in maintaining the dignity, prestige and influence of the jurisdiction. He spoke of the cessation of the hostilities in the disastrous world war and stated that the restoration of peace would present many grave problems. He referred to the decision in 1940 to issue no charters during the war and expressed the opinion that wisdom had thus been displayed as all the lodges had strengthened and the membership had increased from 62,000 in 1940 to 79,000 in 1945. It was decided that the restriction on the issue of charters should be removed. According to the report of the Treasurer, the book value of the assets is £563,000 which includes the value of the Masonic School and Hospital and the Masonic Hall in Sydney. The Benevolent Fund amounts to £85,749.

A Special Memorial Service was held in Sydney on November 29th, 1945, in honour of the Brethren who lost their loves during the war.

At the Quarterly meeting in December, 1945, the Grand Master announced that as four months had elapsed since the cessation of hostilities contributions to the War and Benevolent Fund would cease forthwith. He appealed, however, for support for the "Food for Britain" Fund.

At the Quarterly meeting in March, 1946, petitions for the formation of five new lodges were reported. There was a special meeting in June, 1946, for the purpose of receiving nominations for Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers for the Year 1946-47. M.W. Bro. Frank Whiddon was the only nomination for Grand Master.

At the Quarterly meeting in June, 1946, the Grand Master reported having attended the installation ceremonies of the Grand Lodges of Victoria and South Australia. Petitions for the formation of seven new lodges were received and approved.

In the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence reference is made to the recognition of Grand Lodges in the South American republics and the opinion is expressed that it is advisable to await the clarification of the Masonic antecedents before granting recognition. Careful study, however, is recommended in order that more friendly relations may exist between neighbouring states. There is also a statement in regard to the action of the Masonic Service Association of the United States in sending a commission to investigate conditions in Europe.

The 18th Landmark, dealing with physical qualifications, is mentioned with a reference to the action of the Grand Lodge of New York in recommending the exemption of veterans from a stringent interpretation of the provision. In presenting their Review of Correspondence the Committee stated that the reports present an optimistic outlook and that the charitable activities of many Grand Lodges are worthy of the greatest commendation. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1945 are very kindly reviewed.

NEW YORK

165th Annual Communication at New York City, May 7th and 8th, 1946. Grand Master Charles W. Froessel. Lodges 1,038. Members 259,360. Gain 9,070. After the opening ceremony a welcome was extended by Bro. Arthur A. Wallander representing the Mayor of the City of New York.

In referring to his two years of office the Grand Master said that two years ago the country was involved in a deadly conflict and the national economy was beset with countless restrictions. The day following that on which he delivered his address was the Anniversary of Germany's surrender, and the Japanese surrendered in August, 1945. The country then entered a period of reconstruction with many difficult problems ahead, many of which are still waiting for solution; gratitude for victory will best be shown by a faithful and courageous approach to the after-war problems.

The Grand Master reported having visited every one of the 61 districts

at least once and in many instances on two or more occasions. He also visited the Grand Lodges of Connecticut and New Jersey and attended the Conference of Grand Masters and the Annual meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association. On March 25th, 1946, he sent a telegram of welcome to the United Nations Security Council expressing the hope that the shadows of international strife would be removed. A reply was received from the Secretary-General Trygve Lie expressing the wish "that the United Nations may succeed in establishing a machinery that will ensure lasting peace".

In referring to the continued increase in membership the Grand Master said that it would likely continue for some years. He uttered a word of warning against the reception of candidates too hastily in order to avoid the decline of 30% in the membership experienced between 1929 and 1943. He spoke of the many restorations, 5,783 having been restored during the past two years. The finances of the lodges are generally in a sound position only six being in arrears with Grand Lodge dues. Of the per capita of \$2.00 Grand Lodge received 75 cents for its operations, the balance of \$1.25 being to the Hall and Asylum Fund. Last year with only 75 cents per member the Grand Lodge operated with a surplus exceeding \$11,000.

Rehabilitation work has been extensive. Since February, 1942, the sum of \$1,400,000 was raised for the purpose of the rehabilitation of veterans. There were 37,405 members and their sons in the services and 966 were killed. The sum of \$15,000 was voted for the relief of Brethren in Europe and, in addition, shipments of clothing have been made to Holland, Finland, Norway, Italy and Greece.

A petition was received from the National Grand Lodge of Palestine seeking recognition and the Grand Master, pursuant to authority vested in him by resolution of November, 1945, granted recognition. The resolution of November, 1945, conferred very wide powers as to recognition on the Grand Master and since then correspondence in regard to the matter has taken place with the Grand Lodge of England and other Grand Lodges.

The Grand Master referred to the danger of lodges being handicapped by the granting of life memberships and recommended a careful study of the subject in order to advise the lodges as to sound practice. At the last Annual meeting the Constitution was amended authorizing some relaxation in the qualifications with respect to physical ability. 25 applications for dispensation have been received and the Grand Master expressed satisfaction that now worthy men are being received who formerly were excluded by reason of some physical defect.

As to the building of temples the Grand Master advised that lodges should not build unless the money is reasonably at hand; borrowing from Brethren on bonds is not a good practice unless there is assurance of repayment.

The Committee on Masonic Refugees reported having assisted 8 persons during the year. This Committee since its inception has disbursed a sum exceeding \$30,000. For the George Washington National Memorial there was received during the year the sum of \$14,924 and this, with the surplus on hand, permitted of the payment of \$25,000 to the Memorial Association.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence of which M.W. Bro. Townsend Scudder is Chairman, presented a topical review. There is a lengthy reference to the increase in numbers and the warning of several Grand Masters on the subject are quoted at length. As to Masonry overseas it is stated "except for Australasia and the British Isles, the panorama of Freemasonry overseas remains one of desolation and confusion" and reference is made to the activities of the Committee sent to Europe by the Masonic Service Association. Conditions in several European countries are referred to and the continued growth of the United Grand Lodge of England is noted "notwithstanding its many wartime sacrifices". As to Canada the growth of the various Grand Lodges is referred to. The dispensation granted in Saskatchewan to initiate a blind man is mentioned but without comment. The activity in Mexico is noted and the action of the

Grand Lodge of Missouri in extending recognition to all Mexican Grand Lodges, members of the Federation of Grand Lodges in that country, is stated to be the most important event affecting Masonry there.

NEW ZEALAND

57th Annual Communication at Christchurch, December 4th and 5th, 1946. Grand Master E. C. Smith. Lodges 314. Members 31,097. Gain 1,541. The Board of General Purposes reported that R.W. Bro. Charles Flavell had been nominated as Grand Master for the ensuing year by a number of the Brethren and also by a number of the lodges. On motion that he be elected it was carried unanimously and the Grand Master extended congratulations and good wishes to him.

The cash balance in the various funds was reported to exceed £252,000, an increase of about £16,000 for the year. The Widows and Orphans and Aged Masons Fund exceeds £200,000. As the yield from investments is gradually decreasing it was pointed out that an effort must be made to increase the capital especially of the Benevolent Funds. The Board of Benevolence disbursed the sum of £953 in grants during the year and the Annuity Board expended the sum of £8,876 in payments to annuitants.

The membership reported is the peak in the history of New Zealand and six new lodges were constituted during the year, indicating continued activity and interest.

A scheme submitted by the Board of General Purposes for scholarships in 1934 has not brought the number of applications which the fund provided can conveniently carry and it was decided to remove some of the restrictions on the granting of the scholarships and to give the Board of General Purposes a freer hand.

A recommendation of the Board of General Purposes that the office of Grand Lodge be situated in Wellington instead of being moved every two years was debated at length and was finally carried with 721 for to 392 against. The Grand Master then declared the centralization proposal duly carried.

The installation of the Grand Master elect was conducted by the Grand Master E. C. Smith. The newly installed Grand Master thanked the Brethren for the honour conferred upon him and stated he realized his many shortcomings in accepting the office. He said that there never was a time when tolerance and sympathetic understanding among the nations were more needed. He referred to the problems caused by the large number of candidates and the resulting increase in membership and said that care was needed in admitting candidates, interest in new members and adequate education in the history and traditions of the institution.

There is no published review of the proceedings of other jurisdictions.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEWFOUNDLAND

This is a District Grand Lodge of the United Grand Lodge of England. The District Grand Master is R.W. George R. Williams and the District Deputy is the Honourable J. S. Currie.

The 76th Annual Meeting was held in May, 1947. Early in the year the District Grand Master travelled to Moncton, New Brunswick, to attend the Conference of the Grand Lodges of the Maritime Provinces. The total membership is 1,584, which number does not include one lodge from which no return had been received. There are 13 lodges.

It was announced that on June 24th the Island would celebrate the 450th Anniversary of its discovery by John Cabot, and the District Grand Master suggested that a special message of greeting be sent to Cabot Lodge No. 3884 at Bristol, England. Pursuant to the suggestion a special message was cabled to Cabot Lodge.

NORTH DAKOTA

58th Annual Communication at Fargo, June 16th, 17th and 18th, 1947. Grand Master J. A. Stormon. Lodges 118. Members 12,291. Gain 607. All the officers attended and 16 Past Grand Masters were present. After the opening ceremony the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack were presented and the Brethren joined in singing "America" and "God Save the King". Visitors attended from the Grand Lodges of Alberta, Montana, Minnesota; South Dakota and Virginia. A reception was accorded the Past Grand Masters and the Grand Master thanked them for having served for many years. The roll of Grand Representatives was called and a hearty welcome was accorded them as representing world-wide Masonry. 81 lodges were represented. In his address the Grand Master said that Masons were interested in the form of government and are vitally interested in world civilization; that as citizens all must give thought and careful study to the charter and purposes of the United Nations; that only in that way could the civilization in which they lived be perpetuated; all should dedicate themselves to the task of bringing freedom, liberty, justice and toleration to the rest of the world.

As to the condition of Masonry in North Dakota the Grand Master said it had "seldom been better". He referred to the large gain in membership and to the fact that nearly all lodges were busy conferring degrees. The Grand Lodge is financially in good condition and most of the subordinate lodges are likewise financially strong. The total increase for the year exceeded \$18,000 as compared with \$16,000 in the previous year. District meetings were held in all 22 districts and the Grand Master attended 15. He stated that there was room for improvement in the attendance as some lodges did not see fit to be represented.

On July 28th, 1946, the Grand Master attended the International Picnic at Masonic Island. The Grand Master of Manitoba as well as many others from Manitoba attended. He also attended the Conference of the 4 Western Canadian jurisdictions at Banff. He reported that the Grand Masters of Canada in Ontario, Washington, Oregon and Montana were present and that important problems were fully considered. He attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and also the Annual Meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association at which he presented a substantial cheque on behalf of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

In presenting the Report on Fraternal Correspondence, M.W. Bro. Walter H. Murfin stated that the proceedings of 8 of the United States Grand Lodges had not been received but that the other 40 and the Canadian Grand Lodges had been reviewed. He said that for the third year every Grand Lodge in America reported an increase in membership and that 11 Grand Lodges reported an increase of 11%. The Reviewer doubts whether such increases can be properly absorbed. He referred to the fact that of the 12 Grand Lodges which suffered the largest percentage of losses during the depression 9 of them are among the 11 above referred to. Two questions receiving attention are the regulations regarding physical perfection and the advisability of establishing restrictions against the precipitate rushing through the "so-called" higher degrees.

There is an interesting table of statistics in the proceedings in which the membership in the United States is placed at 3,102,075, an increase for the year of 198,197; and the total in Canada is placed at 194,306, an increase for the year of 11,271.

NOVA SCOTIA

82nd Annual Communication at Halifax, June 11th, 1947. Grand Master A. H. MacMillan. Members 11,287. Gain 751. Lodges 85. All the officers attended and an adjournment was made to meet at Truro on June 25th and 26th. At Truro there was a full attendance of the officers and 8 Past Grand Masters were present. Visitors attended from the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Penn-

sylvania, Rhode Island, Maine, Canada in Ontario, New Brunswick and Quebec. After the opening ceremony the Brethren attended a church service conducted by the Grand Chaplain. On their return to the Academy Assembly Hall an address of welcome was given by the Master of Truro Lodge No. 43.

A resolution was passed conveying the sympathy of the Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of England in the great loss it had sustained in the death of the Grand Master the Earl of Harewood. There was also a resolution expressing a hearty welcome to the Governor-General His Excellency Viscount Alexander on his arrival in Canada.

The Roll of Grand Representatives was called and 32 responded. They were received and heartily welcomed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master reported having attended 58 meetings during the year including lodge meetings, district meetings and visits to other jurisdictions. Five new lodges were instituted. The Grand Master is of the opinion that some of the lodges are "developing burdensome proportions" and with advantage could be divided. He visited the Grand Lodges of Prince Edward Island, Canada in Ontario, New Brunswick and Massachusetts. He also attended a meeting at Moncton which was called for the purpose of arranging for a conference of the jurisdictions of Eastern Canada and Newfoundland. He was also present at the British North America Conference at Quebec. Three delegates from each of Canada's nine jurisdictions attended and valuable discussions of Masonic problems took place. He stated, however, that the "highlight" of his visits was his attendance at the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington. This Conference now includes all Grand Masters in North America and all 59 were present including Puerto Rico, with the exception of Manitoba and Prince Edward Island who telegraphed regrets.

The Grand Master made reference to the higher degrees and emphasized the fact that the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge have jurisdiction over all Masons in Nova Scotia and that suspension in the Craft Lodge means automatic suspension in all other Masonic bodies.

The Board of Benevolence reported very few calls for assistance and the amount disbursed during the year was very small. The Endowment Fund for a Masonic Home is \$175,000. The excess of income for the Home over expenses was \$6,680.

The Board of Jurisprudence reported on fraternal relations stating that the world today presents a perplexing picture. Only in the British Commonwealth of Nations and the United States can it be said that conditions are stable and settled; everywhere there is uncertainty and doubt. There is a review of conditions in various countries of Europe. As to an application for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Syria and Lebanon it was pointed out that the Grand Lodge of New York had eight lodges in the area and the Committee stated that it would be some time before they could express an opinion. As to an application from the Grand Lodge of Ceara (Brazil) recognition was not recommended.

The Review of Correspondence was presented by M.W. Bro. R. V. Harris. In presenting the review Bro. Harris stated that the reviews, discontinued since 1938 for reasons of economy, had been revived. He also said that all the work had been done by R.W. Bro. Baillie and that the reviews were most readable and give an excellent picture of conditions in other jurisdictions. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1946 are very fully dealt with. There are references to the address of the Grand Master on the subject of physical qualifications and to the conference of the Western jurisdictions at Banff.

OHIO

138th Annual Communication at Cincinnati, October 15th and 16th, 1947. Grand Master W. W. Carlton. Lodges 625. Members 231,500. Gain 11,997. All the officers attended and 18 Past Grand Masters were present. After the

opening ceremony the national colours were presented and the pledge of allegiance given. Visitors attended from the Grand Lodges of Georgia, South Carolina, Philippine Islands, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky, Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. The Mayor of the City extended a welcome. 610 constituent lodges were represented.

The roll of representatives of sister jurisdictions was called and those present were welcomed by the Grand Master who said that the exchange of representatives is an evidence of the solidarity and universality of Freemasonry; that the purpose was the cultivation of brotherly love which should hasten the glorious day when swords shall be beaten into plow shares and spears into pruning hooks and when nations shall learn war no more. The Grand Master reported that all lodges had been inspected during the year and that he was pleased with the reports of the inspecting officers. He attended the Conference of Grand Masters and also the Annual Meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association where he presented a cheque for \$2,100 on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. He spoke of the effort of the Association to create a fund for maintenance and advised that the Grand Lodge adopt the practice of subscribing one dollar for each initiate.

During the year the Grand Master visited the Grand Lodges of Maryland, Virginia, Michigan, Indiana and Canada in Ontario.

The Grand Master submitted for consideration a restatement of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry and an expression of disapproval of any discussion by Masons on subjects of politics, religion, and racial relations through which the Fraternity may become involved in controversy. He recommended if his suggestion was adopted a copy be sent to each American Grand Lodge with which the Grand Lodge of Ohio maintain friendly relations.

In referring to physical requirements the Grand Master stated that it had been a uniform practice in Ohio to refuse a petition from any man who had lost as much as a finger. He said, however, that adjoining jurisdictions had been placing a liberal interpretation on physical requirements and recommended certain amendments to the Constitution which would result in a more liberal attitude.

This Grand Lodge in 1897 had 498 lodges with 41,713 members, an average of 84 members per lodge. Today there are 625 lodges with 231,500 members, an average of 370 members per lodge. The Grand Master expressed the opinion that many new lodges were needed in order to reduce the average lodge membership and thus give more members an opportunity to be active.

The Masonic Home Board reported anticipated revenue of \$403,000 and estimated the operating expense at \$466,000. To help meet the deficit they had authorized the transfer of \$50,000 from the reserve Fund. They also reported needed improvements amounting to \$140,000 and requested that Grand Lodge provide the necessary funds. The Grand Master recommended that the request be granted.

The Grand Secretary reported that the Annual Return of every lodge had been received and that the dues of all lodges had been paid in full. There were no suspensions in 341 lodges, one in each of 96 and two in each of 60. The securities held amount to \$1,297,000.

In the Review of Correspondence 42 jurisdictions are dealt with. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1946 are very fully reviewed. There are references to the Flag ceremony at which both the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes were presented, and to the Annual Conference of the four Western Canadian jurisdictions.

OKLAHOMA

39th Annual Communication at Muskogee. February 11th, 12th and 13th, 1947. Grand Master M. M. Bramlett. Lodges 382. Members 62,265. Gain 5,259.

All the officers were present and 18 Past Grand Masters attended. After the opening ceremony the Flag of the United States was presented and the pledge of allegiance given. An address of welcome was given by Bro. Charles A. Moon of Muskogee.

In his address the Grand Master said that in all the History of the Grand Lodge he did not think there had ever been a period when the interest of the membership was so high or when the program of the Fraternity had been so loyally advanced.

This Grand Lodge mourned the passing of two Past Grand Masters during the year, M.W. Bro. E. D. Avery, Grand Master in 1942, and M.W. Bro. James I. Phelps, Grand Master in 1932. The Grand Master in his address paid a lengthy tribute to the services rendered by these distinguished Brethren.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters and reported all jurisdictions but one represented. He stated he was inspired by the dignity of the proceedings and advised that the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary should accompany the Grand Master to the Conference.

The finances were reported in good condition. The Masonic Homes operated within their appropriations. There was a substantial surplus as a result of the year's operations.

A Special Communication was held to dedicate a new Masonic Hall and the charter of one lodge was arrested.

In reporting a large gain in membership the Grand Secretary stated that 330 lodges reported gains, 31 showed a loss and 21 remained stationary.

The Report of the Committee on the George Washington National Memorial showed that total contributions to the memorial from Oklahoma exceeded \$36,000. This Grand Lodge, however, is still short of meeting its pledge of \$1 per member and the Committee suggested that a plan be devised whereby necessary funds may be raised to complete the pledge.

The Review of Correspondence is by Brothers William Hutchinson and J. F. Latham. In a foreword a statement is made that many foreign ideas have been imported into the nation, directly at variance with the principles of liberty, equality and fraternity which are the foundation upon which the nation has been built, and that efforts must be made to carry out the true principles. 44 jurisdictions were reviewed but Saskatchewan is not among them, no doubt because the proceedings did not arrive in time to be included.

OREGON

97th Annual Communication at Portland, June 11th, 12th and 13th, 1947. Grand Master E. W. Beaty. Lodges 181. Members 33,002. Gain 2,254. All the officers attended and 19 Past Grand Masters were present. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Idaho, California and Utah. After the opening ceremony the flags of the United States and Canada were presented. M.W. Bro. E. W. Snell, the Governor of the State extended a welcome. The Roll of Past Grand Masters was called and those present were cordially welcomed. The representatives of 65 sister jurisdictions were present and were extended a warm welcome. Saskatchewan was represented by Bro. I. W. Hope.

In his address the Grand Master said that while the war was over peace had not yet been won and would not be won until men had learned to live by the golden rule and until selfishness and greed had ceased to exist. In referring to the condition of Masonry the Grand Master said that every lodge had conferred many degrees and that many lodges have more members than can be used in the active work and should be divided into smaller lodges.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and also the conference of the Four Western Canadian Jurisdictions at Banff. He also visited the Grand Lodges of California and Idaho. This Grand Lodge mourned the passing of M.W. Bro. W. J. Kerr, Grand Master in 1920-21.

The Grand Master paid tribute to him as having worked "long and earnestly for the order". The proceedings contain a memorial to his life and work. The finances are in a flourishing condition. The General Fund showed a gain of nearly \$24,000. 461 life memberships were issued during the year bringing the total to 3,711. The Life Membership Fund now amounts to \$477,521, an increase for the year of \$65,000. The total expenditure for Charity, including the maintenance of the Home was about \$83,000. Outside maintenance cost \$2,025, and educational assistance amounted to \$7,027. The assets of this Grand Lodge are valued at nearly \$2,000,000. There are 77 residents in the Home and the cost of maintenance was about \$75,000.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. O. C. Hagmeier. 62 jurisdictions are reviewed. He states that the object of the reviews is to build up a more enlightened membership and that the reviews are an educational feature provided by the Grand Lodge. He commends them to all members for careful reading. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1946 are very fully and kindly dealt with.

PENNSYLVANIA

Grand Master R. A. Kern. Lodges 562. Members 201,205. Gain 12,841. Quarterly Communications were held in March, June, September and December, 1947, and the Annual Meeting was held at Philadelphia on September 27th, 1947.

At the Quarterly Communication in March the Grand Secretary reported the large increase in membership for 1946 and also reported the merger of two lodges. The Grand Master then gave a very interesting account of the various subjects which were discussed at the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington in February, 1947.

At the meeting in June, 1947, the Committee on Correspondence reported an application for recognition from the Grand Lodge Benito Juarez of Torreon (Mexico). A letter had been addressed to the Grand Lodge asking for a copy in English of the history and constitution of the Grand Lodge but no reply had been received. It was decided that there would be no further consideration of the application until a copy of the constitution was received. Requests for recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands and the Grand Lodge Alpina (Switzerland) were referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

At the Quarterly Communication in December requests for recognition were received from the Grand Lodges of Uruguay, Hungary and Mines Gerais (Brazil) and were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The value of all funds for the support of the Masonic Home is stated to be \$3,389,000. This includes the Endowment Fund and a number of bequests made to the Grand Lodge. The total revenue for the year in all funds at the disposal of Grand Lodge was \$1,779,000, and the expenditure \$1,472,000. The estimated receipts for 1948 are \$1,457,000. The total assets are valued at an amount exceeding \$22,000,000. There are 579 residents in the Homes.

At the Annual Communication the Committee on Correspondence recommended that the Grand Lodge decline to extend recognition to the Syrian Lebanese Grand Lodge at Beirut. They stated that they couldn't find that any Grand Lodge in the United States had recognized it. A recommendation was made for the recognition of the Grand Lodge Alpina, Switzerland, which the Committee stated had been recognized by 29 Grand Lodges in the United States. It was also recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands which is recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England and by a number of jurisdictions in the United States. An application from the Grand Lodge National of Italy (The Grand Orient) was given the fullest consideration by the Committee and a report of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was considered, and recognition recom-

mended.

In his address the Grand Master referred to conditions in Europe and stated that three years ago Masonry there had been destroyed except in Sweden and Switzerland but today it has been restored in Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, France, Italy, Greece and Finland, and that even in Russian dominated countries a struggle is being made for survival. He referred to the increase in membership in Pennsylvania stating that the membership was nearing the peak, and that in 1948 an all-time high would likely be reached. He reported an increased attendance at meetings.

M.W. Bro. George H. Deike was installed as Grand Master.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

31st Annual Communication at Manila, January 28th, 1947. Grand Master Michael Goldenberg. The Grand Master welcomed the Brethren stating that many of them had come a long distance in order to represent the respective lodges. He referred to the reconstructed Temple of the Grand Lodge which had been destroyed by the Japanese and stated that during the past 12 months many changes in the life of the country had taken place. The most important change was its birth as an independent republic of the Philippines, this having been made possible by the benevolence of the United States.

A welcome was extended by the Grand Master to representatives of the sister jurisdictions present and was responded to by the representative of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. In his address of welcome the Grand Master stated that they were commended for the timely aid sent by the Grand Lodges of America through the efforts of the Grand Lodge of California. The monies were received on the understanding that they would be used for the relief of needy Brethren rendered destitute by the ravage of the war. The total amount contributed through the Grand Lodge of California and the Masonic Services' Association exceeded \$80,000.

The Grand Master stated that he was sorry to report that there were no funds with which to help rebuild the various Masonic buildings destroyed in the provinces by the war.

During the year 10 lodges were reorganized, bringing the total to 91 reorganized lodges. There are also several lodges in the process of reorganization, three of which are under dispensation. This Grand Lodge has several lodges in China, all of which are functioning. Considering the devastation of the war this Grand Lodge has made remarkable progress and indications are that Masonry in the Philippines will soon regain the position it occupied previous to the war.

In the Masonic Temple at Manila the foyer was used as a gallery for pictures of Past Grand Masters of which there were 27 in all. These pictures were taken by the Japanese invaders and no one knows what happened to them as they totally disappeared.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is brief and contains references to the continued increase in membership and the question of waiving the restrictions as to physical qualifications. The conclusion stated is that no headway was made in regard to modifying the restrictions, "the opponents vigorously upholding the old landmarks".

QUEBEC

77th Annual Communion at Montreal, October 8th, 1947. Grand Master L. H. Boyd. Lodges 98. Members 15,683. Gain 761. A Special Communication was held on June the 13th, 1947, for the purpose of explaining various amendments to the Constitution which would be dealt with at the Annual Meeting and which concerned entirely the financial affairs.

There was a full attendance of the officers at the Annual Meeting and 9

Past Grand Masters were present. All but three lodges were represented. 40 sister jurisdictions were represented, the Saskatchewan representative being R.W. Bro. E. LaFrancois.

In his address the Grand Master stated that mind-disturbing uncertainty hangs like a pall over the whole world; the war ended two years ago and all hoped that peace would soon dawn. An open cleavage between East and the West has come and it now seems that a war of wits exists; the atmosphere is filled with suspicion and mistrust and the people of the world await the result with uncertainty and fear. He warned all against the infiltration of Communism.

The Grand Master reported several applications for dispensation owing to physical disability. These applications were dealt with on their merits as he is of the opinion that no set rule can be made to deal with such applications. He visited many of the lodges and reported a better feeling towards Grand Lodge, the Brethren generally recognizing that it was not "a thing part". Four new lodges were instituted during the year.

In reporting on the membership the Grand Secretary stated that 82 lodges reported increases, 4 remained stationary, and 8 showed losses which totalled 13. All lodges with one exception had initiations.

The Committee on the State of Masonry reported a review of the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and stated the year had been one marked accomplishment. There had been a growth in numbers and a decline in the amount of outstanding dues and a growing interest on the part of the members. They stated, however, that in some districts little was being done in the matter of Masonic Education and new members are neglected. The importance of giving members something to do is emphasized. The finances of the lodges generally were found in satisfactory condition.

M.W. Bro. L. H. Boyd was elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

QUEENSLAND

Grand Master E. A. Jones. Lodges 388. Members 23,476. Gain 1,480. A Special Communication was held at Brisbane on August 26th, 1946, for the purpose of installing the Grand Master elect, M.W. Bro. E. A. Jones.

At the Quarterly Communication in September, 1946, a resolution of appreciation of the services of R.W. Bro. F. W. G. Annand was adopted. He had been President of the Board of General Purposes for eight years and the resolution testified to his zeal and fidelity. R.W. Bro. Annand expressed his gratitude to his colleagues for their gracious words of commendation and stated that he had endeavoured to do his duty to the best of his ability.

Two bursaries of £30 each have been established in honour of Sir Leslie Orme Wilson, Past Grand Master who has returned to England. One bursary will be awarded to the boy and one to the girl securing respectively the highest marks in Queensland at the Annual Senior University examinations. A sufficient sum has been invested to produce an income to pay the bursaries, the necessary amount having been in part subscribed by the lodges and the balance made up from the General Fund.

The capital of the Benevolent Fund which was £65,873. has been reduced to £50,000. and the balance transferred to the Aged Masons, Widows and Orphans Fund which now exceeds £83,000.

At the Quarterly Communication in December, 1946, the Board of the Aged Masons, Widows and Orphans Fund reported grants to 45 children and 100 adults involving an annual expenditure of £4,067. The Board of General Purposes recommended a substantial grant to The Food for Britain Christmas appeal and this was approved.

Seasonal greetings were conveyed to the Grand Master by several Brethren as the Christmas season was approaching. The Grand Master reported that he had on behalf of the Grand Lodge presented an address of loyalty to His Ex-

cellency Sir John Lavarack on the occasion of the swearing in ceremony.

Quarterly Communications were also held in March and June, 1947. At the meeting in March it was announced that a letter had been received from the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Victoria stating that the Sixth Australian Conference would be held in Melbourne on the 18th of March, and that the installation of R.W. Bro. R. A. Rowe as Grand Master would take place on March 19th. The Grand Master announced that he would attend the Conference accompanied by the Grand Secretary and the President of the Board of General Purposes.

At the meeting in June, 1947, a letter was received from the Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England stating, that now the war was over, the First Degree would not be conferred by courtesy but that they would revert to the constitution which provides only for conferring the Second and Third Degrees by courtesy. M.W. Bro. E. A. Jones was again elected Grand Master unanimously. He thanked the Brethren for the high honour conferred upon him and stated that the responsibility of the office impressed him more deeply as time went on. The privilege of service however and personal contact with the members were the recompense for the work.

The Board of General Purposes asked approval for a grant of £1,000. for Food for Britain and Flood Relief Appeals. Lodges had been asked to make contributions and the response was generous.

There is no published review of Correspondence.

RHODE ISLAND

156th Annual Communication at Providence, May 19th, 1947. Grand Master A. W. Clafin. Lodges 43. Members 15,568. Gain 652. The Semi-Annual Communication was held at Providence in November 19th, 1946. In his address the Grand Master stated that the times were challenging as the world was in a greater state of flux than ever before; that it was the duty of everyone to see that the future of the world will develop along those lines which lead to the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. M.W. Bro. Augustus F. Rose, Grand Master in 1933, died on July 10th, 1946. His death was referred to by the Grand Master and the proceedings contain a memorial to his service both as a Mason and a citizen. All the officers attended the Annual Meeting and 10 Past Grand Masters were present. The Roll of Grand Representatives was called and those present received felicitations. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Virginia, New Jersey, Maryland, Connecticut, Vermont, Delaware, District of Columbia and New Brunswick.

The Grand Master stated that with restrictions removed the condition of the Fraternity was far better than during the war years. He referred to the large number of candidates and stated that care should be taken that the new members are well versed in the history and philosophy of the Institution. He also said that care should be taken in matters of finance and that there was need of careful handling of the finances of some of the lodges.

The Grand Master made altogether 131 visits including the lodges and meetings of a business and fraternal nature and 9 Grand Lodge meetings in other jurisdictions. He also attended the Conference of Grand Masters and reported on the important subjects there discussed. At the annual Meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association he presented a cheque for \$2,000 on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island. He reported that at the Conference of Grand Masters there was a discussion of Negro Freemasonry and that the consensus of opinion was that an organization which has a Grand Lodge in every state and over 6,000 subordinate lodges should not and cannot be ignored.

There is a table of statistics in the proceedings of the Grand Lodges in the United States and Canada. The membership in the United States is placed at 3,056,883, and the gain for the year at 206,020. In Canada the membership is stated to be 184,763, and the gain as 8,745.

SCOTLAND

Grand Master The Earl of Galloway. A Quarterly Communication was held at Edinburgh on February 7th, 1947. The Provincial Grand Masters of Dunbartonshire and Renfrewshire East were installed.

A lodge was instituted at Lahore, India, in the month of January, 1947. A report was presented by a Committee appointed for the purpose of considering the education of candidates. It was recommended that not more than five candidates be initiated on any one day and that meetings, special or emergency, for conferring degrees should not be more numerous than regular meetings.

The Benevolent Sub-Committee, in reporting on the Centenary Commemoration of the Masonic Benevolence Fund stated that they had considered the suggestion of homes for the aged but that in view of building and other similar restrictions practical steps could not be taken at the present time. They suggested that an appeal be made at once for the collection of a separate fund to be available when the opportunity arises of securing suitable premises or grounds for such homes, the sum to be fixed at £100,000. An amendment was moved to the report to the effect that it be rejected and that the objects of the Benevolent Fund be extended. This amendment was carried.

A retiring allowance scheme is being set up for the staff to be operated through an insurance company. Members of the staff electing to participate will be required to contribute on the basis of 5% of salary, and the Grand Lodge will provide all the funds required to cover the cost prior to inauguration of the scheme and will pay the balance of the cost in respect of services given after that date.

Grand Master the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Galloway. At the Quarterly Communication in Edinburgh on May 1st, 1947, the Grand Master referred to the death of the King of Denmark and spoke of the honour which had been done the Grand Secretary and himself by His Majesty in receiving them at his castle in Copenhagen in the fall of 1946. He also referred to the fact that His Majesty had been made an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

It has been decided to celebrate the Centennial of the Fund of Masonic Benevolence and the Brethren are to be asked to contribute thank-offerings to the Fund. The Committee is considering in what direction and for what objects the Fund may be extended. It is hoped to raise £100,000 in order to establish homes for aged Brethren and their dependents.

The Financial Committee had considered estimates from the Insurance Companies setting forth the terms on which they were prepared to operate a scheme of retiring allowances to members of the staff, approved by the Grand Lodge in May, 1947, and recommended acceptance of the quotation of the Standard Life Assurance Company.

The Grand Secretary reported receipt of a communication from M.W. Bro. R. V. Harris, Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia in regard to a proposed visit of Canadian Brethren to England and Scotland during the summer of 1948. The matter was referred to a committee with a view to arrangements being made for the reception of the visitors.

A large number of food parcels were reported from Brethren in the United States of America. Arrangements are being made to distribute the parcels to beneficiaries on the Annuity Roll.

The Grand Master referred at length to the death of the Earl of Harewood, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. He spoke of the splendid service he had rendered in spite of serious illness. The sympathy of the Grand Lodge was expressed to the Grand Lodge of England and also to Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal.

A Quarterly Communication was held at Edinburgh on August 7th, 1947. The Grand Master the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Galloway presided and reported that messages were sent to the United Grand Lodge of England and to H.R.H. the Princess Royal conveying the sympathy of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in the

death of the Earl of Harewood. He also stated that replies had been received thanking the Grand Lodge for the sympathy expressed.

A Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon was present, Wallace Spence, and the Grand Master extended cordial greetings to him. A letter was read from the President of the United States thanking the Grand Lodge for having made him an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Charters were granted for two new lodges, one in Natal and one in Newfoundland.

An interesting ceremony took place in the Grand Lodge Library when a portrait was unveiled of Khan Cursetjee Mistree which had been presented to the Grand Lodge of Scotland by the Brethren in the Scottish lodges in India to commemorate his jubilee as a Mason and his services to Scottish Masonry in India. He was initiated on October 22nd, 1945, in Lodge Rising Sun in Bombay.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

64th Annual Communication at Adelaide, April 16th, 1947. Grand Master Hon. Mr. Justice Ligertwood. Lodges 158. Members 17,186. Gain 1,136. This Grand Lodge was organized in 1884 with 30 lodges and 2,241 members. The membership now reported is the highest in its history. The half-yearly Communication was held at Adelaide on October the 16th, 1946. The Report of the Board of General Purposes commented upon the increase in membership, and in moving the adoption of the Report, the President of the Board R.W. Bro. J. S. Philips spoke of the responsibility to see that only those were admitted who were of a character to give strength to the Order.

The War Relief Fund, which exceeded £13,000 has been closed and no further support is asked for it. The Fund is for the purpose of assistance of veterans and already there have been a number of applications for assistance.

In addressing the Brethren the Grand Master referred to the growth in numbers and reported the dedication of one new Lodge and the granting of warrants for two others. He warned of the danger of increased membership stating that there was no virtue in great numbers and asked the lodges to be careful to be sure that in their enthusiasm for expansion they do not admit candidates who fall short of the requirements of the Order. In referring to life membership he stated that the provisions of the Constitution should be followed otherwise embarrassment was likely to be caused to the revenue.

A Special Communication was held at Adelaide on November the 8th, 1946. The Grand Master announced that he had under the provisions of the Constitution appointed Mr. Justice G. S. Reid to perform the duties of Deputy Grand Master for the remainder of the term for which the late Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. W. H. Irwin was appointed. He then referred at length to the death of the Deputy Grand Master which occurred on October the 17th, 1946. He paid tribute to the services rendered by him which he stated were invaluable and that his character had exerted a tremendous influence upon the Brethren throughout the jurisdiction.

At the Annual Communication the Board of General Purposes reported the awarding of two scholarships of £50 per annum each for three years and commended for adoption by the Grand Lodge a motion providing for two additional scholarships bringing the total to six.

The Board in its report referred to the Cottage Homes of which there are 6 pairs, 4 in North Adelaide and 2 at West Parkway. The Cottages are of three and four rooms, no rent is charged but occupants are required to bear the cost of light and fuel. Lodges are exhorted to keep the Cottages in mind so that no deserving case can be overlooked.

The Benevolent Fund granted assistance amounting to £879, to 30 beneficiaries.

The Grand Master was re-elected for the ensuing year.

The Review of Correspondence contains reviews of the proceedings of 54 jurisdictions. Each review appears to be prepared by the representative of the particular jurisdiction. 6 of the Canadian jurisdictions are reviewed, among them Saskatchewan for 1946 by its representative Bro. J. E. Walton. There is a reference to the death of the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, Bro. Thomas Miller and also to the address of the Grand Master.

SOUTH CAROLINA

210th Annual Communication at Columbia, March 20th and 21st, 1947. Grand Master A. J. M. Wannamaker. Lodges 273. Members 32,964. Gain 3,848. There were four Special Communications during the year, three to constitute new lodges and one to dedicate a new lodge hall.

The Annual Meeting convened on March the 12th but as there was not a quorum present the Grand Master adjourned the meeting until March the 20th when there was a full attendance of the officers and 5 Past Grand Masters were present. 24 sister jurisdictions were represented and 235 constituent lodges. Visitors attended from the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

The Grand Master reported Masonry in South Carolina in healthy condition; the membership has reached an all-time peak and petitions continue to come in. Everywhere meetings are well attended and there is interest and enthusiasm. The Grand Master sent a personal letter to each new initiate and an invitation to become active in the work of his lodge. District meetings were held in all 47 jurisdictions all of which the Grand Master attended.

The Grand Master discouraged all requests for dual membership and issued dispensations only in such cases as he believed in the interest of Masonry and not alone to the individual.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at which all 49 jurisdictions in the United States were represented, and also 6 of the 9 jurisdictions in Canada and Puerto Rico and the Philippines. He reported the Conference a most inspiring gathering which furnished a splendid opportunity for the exchange of ideas. He also attended the Annual Meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association. South Carolina on a per capita basis is among the higher contributors and plans to do its share in the completion and endowment of the Memorial. The Grand Master visited the Grand Lodges of Canada in Ontario, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

A reception was accorded the Grand Representatives present. The Grand Master welcomed them and asked them to communicate with their respective jurisdictions and convey the greetings of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina and also tell them of any matter of interest.

The Trustees of the Masonic Relief Fund reported assistance during the year to 178 adults and 12 orphans. The amount disbursed was \$18,264.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge Tamaulipas, Tampico (Mexico), to the Grand Lodge National in Italy, and the Grand Lodge of Greece. As to the last two it is stated in the report that in ordinary times with the scant information available, recognition would not be recommended. But these are not "normal times" and in the opinion of the Committee fraternal relations with Grand Lodges in the war-devastated countries of Europe should be established as rapidly as possible because of the moral support this action will give.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Henry F. Collins. In presenting the review Bro. Collins states that every Grand Lodge reports a gain in membership and that both Grand Lodges are concerned about the influx and are determined to see that the new members become interested in the work of the Fraternity. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1946 are very kindly reviewed. There are references to the presentation of the Union Jack and Stars and Stripes as a part of the opening ceremony, to the Conference of the officers of the four Western provinces, and to the work of the Committee on Masonic Education.

SOUTH DAKOTA

73rd Annual Communication at Aberdeen, June 2nd and 3rd, 1947. Grand Master F. E. Manning. Lodges 168. Members 16,632. Gain 824. An Emergent Communication was held at Sioux Falls on March 15th, 1947, for the purpose of conducting the funeral service of R.W. Bro. S. E. George, the Deputy Grand Master.

All the officers were present at the annual meeting and 12 Past Grand Masters were present. After the opening ceremony the National Flag was presented and the pledge of allegiance given. Visitors attended from the Grand Lodges of Illinois, Minnesota, Montana and North Dakota. The Past Grand Masters were presented and the Grand Master welcomed them, thanking them for all the help given him during his year of office.

The Roll of Grand Representatives was called when 32 responded to their names. The Grand Master stated to them that much good might be accomplished if they would communicate with the jurisdictions respectively represented.

The Grand Master reported that Masonry in South Dakota was marching forward day by day and that conditions were excellent. He stated that he had visited the districts and many of the lodges but that it had been impossible to visit all the lodges. He visited the Grand Lodges of North Dakota, Wyoming, Illinois and Nebraska. He also attended the Conference of Grand Masters and the Annual Meetings of the Masonic Service Association and the George Washington National Memorial Association. He recommended continued membership in the Masonic Service Association and also that the lodges continue to collect one dollar from each new member for the support of the George Washington Memorial Association.

The Grand Secretary reported all returns in and that no lodge was delinquent. There was a surplus in the General Fund as a result of the year's operations. There were 261 restorations during the year and only 88 suspensions.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Bolivia, the Grand Lodge of Ceara (Brazil) and the Grand Lodge el Potosi (Mexico). As to the petitions, however, from the Grand Orient of Belgium, the Grand Lodge of Spain in Exile, and the Grand Lodge of Syria & Lebanon, they advised that these be denied.

The Report on the Review of Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. David Graham. There is no published review of the various jurisdictions but it is stated that most of the English-speaking jurisdictions have been reviewed. There is a reference in the report to the remarkable increase in numbers and it is pointed out that many Grand Masters warn of the danger to be guarded against. There is a lengthy reference to Negro Masonry and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge which is recognized as regular and merits the help which can be given it.

The Charity Fund exceeds \$278,000 and each year a part of the membership dues is added to the Fund. The Fund increased by nearly \$12,000 during the year. The amount expended on relief was about \$6,000.

TENNESSEE

134th Annual Communication at Nashville, January 28th and 29th, 1948. Grand Master J. C. Crawford. Lodges 377. Members 57,274. Gain 5,030. All the officers were in attendance and 15 Past Grand Masters were present. 320 lodges were represented. Visitors attended from the Grand Lodges of Georgia, Indiana, Ohio, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Virginia. The Grand Master in referring to the membership, stated that it exceeded by nearly 40,000 the membership in 1900. He reported most of the lodges active and that the district meetings were well attended. In many of the lodges interest had been revived and enthusiasm restored. The Grand Master attended the Conference

of Grand Masters at Washington and reported it interesting and that benefit was derived from the addresses of prominent Masons. He thinks the Conference worthwhile but feels that the meetings are dominated too much by Past Grand Masters.

Two lodges were instituted during the year and a dispensation issued for the formation of a new lodge. One new lodge hall was dedicated and one cornerstone laid for a new lodge building.

The Grand Master called attention to the annual dues stating that the average was \$4.51 as compared with \$4.35 in the preceding year. He stated that the average was below that of other Grand Lodges and thinks it would be to the advantage of some of the lodges if dues were increased. With a per capita tax of \$2.25 a lodge cannot operate on dues of \$2.50 or \$3.00.

The Widows' and Orphans' Home had 184 residents on January 1st, 1948. The cost of maintenance was about \$48,000. The number of residents has decreased in recent years from a peak of 479 in 1940. There is an Endowment Fund of \$758,000 which consists largely of bonds, stocks and mortgages.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodges of Colombia at Barranquilla, Colombia at Bogota, Bolivia, Ecuador, Argentina and Sao Paulo (Brazil).

The Review of Correspondence is by Wallace P. Douglas. In a foreword, reference is made to the Conference of Grand Masters and to the Annual meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association. The reviewer expresses concern over the tendency in some jurisdictions to put into print a great deal of the ceremonies and the print given to candidates. This is stated to be a menace to the Fraternity and a violation of obligations.

As to Negro Freemasonry and the action of certain Grand Lodges in finding it legitimate, it is stated that there is no problem in Tennessee for the constitution of the Grand Lodge states "all associations of negroes organized in the State of Tennessee claiming to be Free and Accepted Masons are without legal authority and are spurious, illegal and clandestine". 68 jurisdictions are reviewed, among them Saskatchewan's proceedings for 1947. There are references to the Flag Ceremony, to the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry and also to the report of the Committee on Correspondence.

UTAH

75th Annual Communication at Salt Lake City, January 27th, 28th, 1947. Grand Master L. G. Kelly. Lodges 26. Members 5,260. Gain 215. After the opening ceremony the Flag of the United States was presented and the Brethren joined in the pledge of allegiance. All the lodges were represented. 18 Past Grand Masters were present and were extended a cordial welcome by the Grand Master. Visitors attended from the Grand Lodges of Colorado, Montana, Kansas, Nevada, Wyoming, Idaho, California and the District of Columbia.

As the Grand Lodge was celebrating its 75th Anniversary, special attention was given throughout the year to the history of Masonry in Utah. In his address the Grand Master referred to the accomplishments of the Grand Lodge throughout its history stating that it was important to guide the footsteps of new members in maintaining the traditions and ideals of the fraternity. He also said that there could be just pride in the record of past years. This Grand Lodge mourned the passing of M.W. Bro. Christian H. Fischer, Grand Master in 1936. The Grand Master paid tribute to the work of this distinguished Brother, stating that his most important efforts had been devoted to the Salt Lake Unit of the Hospital for crippled children.

The Grand Master visited each of the 26 lodges and, on each occasion, special attention was given to the history and outstanding events in the growth of Masonry in Utah. He reported the past year as one of exceptional activity

among the lodges. The membership is now the highest in the history of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master visited the jurisdictions of Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, Nevada and Idaho. He also attended the conference of Grand Masters and the Annual Meetings of the Masonic Service Association and the George Washington Memorial Association. At the Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association he presented a cheque for the general work of the Association and also one to help in Masonic Relief in Europe. As to the George Washington Memorial he reported that Utah had contributed a sum exceeding \$9,000 and he urged continued support.

The Grand Secretary in reporting commented on the membership of 5,260, the largest in the history of the Grand Lodge. The previous high was on December 31st, 1930, when the membership was 5,196. He reported the financial condition of the lodges good.

The 75th Anniversary was celebrated by special programs on the evenings of January 27th and 28th. A history of the early lodges was given. The first lodge was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Montana on October the 8th, 1867, the second by the Grand Lodge of Kansas on October the 21st, 1868, and the third by the Grand Lodge of Colorado on September the 26th, 1871. The Grand Lodge was organized in 1872.

The Review of Correspondence is by Bro. E. G. Titus. In a foreword the reviewer states that it is a good time to "rededicate ourselves that we may endeavour to aid this war-shocked world in some manner that may be of lasting service to humanity". 50 jurisdictions are reviewed, among them Saskatchewan for 1945. There are references to the presentation of the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes, to the Conference of the Western Jurisdictions at Banff, and to the papers presented by the Committee on Masonic Education.

VICTORIA

Grand Master H. E. Pettifer. Lodges 578. Members (December 31st, 1945) 67,727. Gain 5,241. Quarterly Communications were held in March, June, September and December, 1946. At the Communication in March it was announced that a letter had been received from the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan announcing the appointment of R.W. Bro. William Leith as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Victoria near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

The Board of General Purposes reported the award of 20 scholarships from the 295 applicants. Each scholarship is valued at £50. At the Quarterly Communication in March it was announced that £5,000 had been contributed to The Lord Mayor's Appeal for Food-for-Britain Fund, and the Grand Master expressed the hope that the sum would reach £10,000. In the month of June it was announced that the sum of £13,250 had been sent to the Lord Mayor.

The Board of Benevolence reported grants amounting to £978 for the last quarter and that this sum was distributed among 16 applicants.

The Grand Secretary presented an interesting table of statistics with respect to the membership. The Grand Lodge was organized in 1889 with approximately 7,000 members. In 1905 the membership was 9,426. From that year forward increases have been recorded each year except from 1931 to 1935 when losses were sustained.

At the meeting in March M.W. Bro. Pettifer was installed as Grand Master and he presided at the meeting in June. At the Quarterly meeting in September the Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. R. A. Rowe, announced the death of the Grand Master which occurred on August 23rd, 1946. The Deputy Grand Master paid tribute to the character and work of the deceased Grand Master as a Mason and citizen and a Lodge of Sorrow was held at Melbourne on October 30th, 1946. Addresses were delivered by the Deputy Grand Master and R.W. Bro. W. A. Byrne and His Honour Judge Book.

A Quarterly Communication in December was presided over by the Deputy Grand Master who was subsequently elected as Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Correspondence presented a review of 24 jurisdictions. There is an introduction by the Grand Secretary William Stewart in which reference is made to the large increases in the funds of many Grand Lodges and to the rehabilitation of those who served in the war. The reviews are by the representatives of each jurisdiction, the proceedings of Saskatchewan being reviewed by M.W. Bro. R. G. Ball, its representative.

VIRGINIA

169th Annual Communication at Richmond, February 11th and 12th, 1947. Grand Master T. P. Coleman. Lodges 322. Members 48,657. Gain 3,091. There was a full attendance of the officers and nearly all the lodges were represented. The National Flag was presented and the pledge of allegiance given.

The Treasurer reported estimated receipts for the year as \$196,000 and expenditure to balance. The maintenance of the Home is estimated to cost about \$93,000. The War Services Committee reported contributions from 1942 to 1946 of \$68,000 and disbursements to the Masonic Service Association and the Red Cross of \$56,000, leaving a balance on hand exceeding \$12,000.

The Committee on Charity reported disbursements exceeding \$4,000 for assistance to beneficiaries outside the Home. The Education Committee reported an expenditure of \$3,500 to assist students in higher education. The Endowment Fund for the Home exceeds \$245,000, having been increased during the year by \$15,000.

Nine Past Grand Masters were present and were presented to the Grand Master who expressed his gratitude for their assistance during the year. The Roll of Grand Representatives was called and 42 responded. They were welcomed by the Grand Master and asked to personally convey the good wishes of the Grand Lodge of Virginia to the jurisdictions respectively represented. Saskatchewan was represented by Bro. J. L. Brown.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters, the Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association and of the George Washington Memorial Association. He reported that he was impressed at the meeting of the Masonic Service Association with the report of the needs of Masonry in Europe and on the need of rehabilitation in the Philippines. As to the Masonic Service Centres in the State, two have been closed and the intention now is to operate centres for the benefit of veterans in the hospitals.

The Grand Master reported splendid addresses at the Conference of Grand Masters and stated that he was much impressed by the timely suggestions made by the speakers. At the meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association \$90,000 was contributed to the building fund and \$25,000 to the Endowment Fund. In the opinion of the Grand Master completion of the Memorial within a short time seems to be assured.

Referring to the subject of education, the Grand Master said that all conferences and meetings special emphasis is placed on the importance of improving Masonic Education. Many lodges have established well planned programs in order to provide a fuller appreciation of the ideals, principles, laws and usages of the Institution.

The Review of Correspondence is by Bro. James H. Hillman. In an introduction reference is made to comments on the war in practically all addresses of Grand Masters. The gain in membership is referred to and the total in the United States is placed at 150,000 for the year. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1946 are very kindly reviewed. There are references to the address of the Grand Master, to his Christmas Message, to the reports of the District Deputies, and to the assistance of the Grand Lodge.

WASHINGTON

90th Annual Communication at Tacoma, June 17th and 18th, 1947. Grand Master G. H. Schultz. Lodges 265. Members 54,483. Gain 4,163. All the officers were in attendance and 20 Past Grand Masters were present. The representatives of 46 jurisdictions were present, Saskatchewan being represented by Bro. J. M. Roberts. All the lodges except 21 were represented. After the opening ceremony an address of welcome was given by the Mayor of Tacoma. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Illinois, California and Oregon.

This Grand Lodge mourned the passing during the year of M.W. Bro. W. A. Fairweather, a Past Grand Master. The proceedings contain a memorial to the work of this distinguished Brother both as a Mason and a citizen.

The Grand Master reported visits to the 27 districts in the State. In all districts he found enthusiasm and interest not only in the Fraternity but in the vital issues which confront the world today.

The Grand Master accompanied by the Grand Secretary attended the Annual Conference of the Grand Masters of the 4 Western Canada Provinces at Banff and stated that he had a most interesting experience in hearing the discussion on problems which confront these jurisdictions. He visited the Grand Lodge of California and he attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington where many vital issues were discussed.

The Grand Master reported the lodges very busy with degree work. He inclines to the view that there should be fewer candidates and less rush in "putting them through". As the result of his survey he stated that it was found that about 85% of the 54,000 Members in the State seldom or never attended a lodge meeting. Most of them pay their dues but take no further interest. He expressed the opinion that an effort should be made to recover those who had been dropped for non-payment of dues.

Four Special Communications were held during the year, 3 for the purpose of dedicating new Lodges and one to dedicate a new Lodge Hall.

The Grand Secretary reported the past year a very active one. The gain in membership had been phenomenal as it was in the previous year and the membership is now at an all-time high. He referred to his attendance at the Conference of the 4 Western Canadian Provinces at Banff and stated that the meeting was very helpful.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Bolivia. The recommendation was adopted.

A reception was given to the representatives of sister jurisdictions present. The Grand Master welcomed them stating that the Grand Lodge of Washington favoured a world-encircling program, which guarantees to all men, peace, security and the right to choose their own way of life.

The Committee on the Endowment of the Masonic Home reported the Fund at \$712,000, an increase of \$122,000 for the year.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Loomis Baldry. 66 jurisdictions are reviewed. In an introduction it is stated that there has been great numerical strength during the year and that many jurisdictions are giving increased attention to the education of new members. Reference is made to conditions in Europe and it is stated that steps are being taken towards the rehabilitation of Masonic organizations. As to Mexico it is stated that conditions are approaching a time when legitimate Grand Lodges may be distinguished from the clandestine, and in South America the picture is becoming more distinct. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1945 receive very kind attention.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

48th Annual Communication at Perth, May 22nd, 1947. Grand Master J. S. Battye. Members 14,288. Gain 1,172. Quarterly Communications were held in August and November, 1946, and in the month of February, 1947.

There was a full attendance of the officers at the Annual Meeting and a large representation of the lodges. The Grand Master presented certificates of office to the representatives of Grand Lodges which had been received from foreign Grand Lodges. In doing so he stated that the duties consist of doing two things, firstly to find out where the places are, and secondly to keep in touch with the Grand Lodges so that anything important might be communicated. The District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Scotland was a visitor.

The Grand Master reported that in spite of the difficulties caused by the war, the Grand Lodge had enjoyed a full measure of prosperity and all the lodges showed evidence of activity. The members of many lodges have increased rapidly with the result that the sense of personal relationship is defeated; in the small lodge each member knows every other member and this is a great asset. The increase in the membership is the second highest on record and there are 10 lodges in the course of formation.

The Board of Management of the Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' Fund reported that the Fund was contributing to the support of 30 children, 20 aged Masons and 73 widows requiring an annual expenditure of £4,406. The capital of the Fund is £77,100.

The representatives of 49 sister jurisdictions were present, Saskatchewan being represented by Bro. the Reverend H. R. Moore. In addressing them the Grand Master said that he hoped that they would convey greetings to the Grand Lodge respectively represented, and that his desire was that the Grand Lodge of Western Australia should continue in harmony with all other Grand Lodges.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. J. A. Klein. In a foreword it is stated that from the various proceedings it appears that Masonry is gaining in membership and also in physical assets. The Grand Masters generally view the growth with some degree of anxiety, that the establishment of service centres by the Masonic Service Association was one of the greatest works maintained during the war and that the question of physical disabilities is being discussed in many jurisdictions. The Saskatchewan Proceedings are not included.

WEST VIRGINIA

82nd Annual Communication at Parkersburg, October 16th and 17th, 1946. Grand Master J. D. Garrison. Lodges 163. Members 34,898. Gain 2,139. There was a full attendance of the officers and 10 Past Grand Masters were present. 152 lodges were represented. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodge of Virginia. The representatives of 50 jurisdictions were in attendance and were welcomed by the Deputy Grand Master. Saskatchewan was represented by Bro. E. S. Clutter.

The Grand Master spoke of the splendid work of the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. W. N. Coffman, stating that he had all the qualifications for the important office. As to the office he said it was the nerve centre of the organization, that Grand Masters come and go but the Grand Secretary usually remained long enough to become thoroughly familiar with the usages, customs and traditions of the Fraternity.

This jurisdiction mourned the passing of two Past Grand Masters during the year, M.W. Bro. T. G. Strickler, Grand Master in 1906-07, and M.W. Bro. B. D. Gibson, Grand Master in 1896-97. Special Communications were held to conduct the funeral services and the Grand Master in his address paid tribute to the great services of both of these distinguished Brethren not only as Masons but as citizens. The Grand Master stated that the Masonic Home was being operated on a balanced budget and that it was being managed with the utmost care. He referred to the subject discussed at the Conference of Grand Masters, namely as to the effect of social security legislation on the need for Masonic homes. The general opinion was that the old age pension is of no value to the Masonic institution, in other words that the Masonic Home is still a necessity.

Steps are being taken to prepare a history of Masonry in what is now West Virginia. The Grand Lodge was established in 1865 but Masonry existed in the area as early as 1796, and the history is designed to cover the early period from 1796 to 1865, and it is intended to celebrate 150 years of Masonry in West Virginia in some suitable manner.

The Grand Master reported a substantial donation made to the Grand Lodge of California to help in the rehabilitation of Masonry in the Philippines.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Henry Ahrens. In an introduction, reference is made to the general growth and it is said that the condition will continue so long as there are prosperous times. A word of caution is given as to what may be expected when there are too many candidates and Education is neglected. The Reviewer, however, states that among the jurisdictions reviewed, more attention was given to Masonic Education than to any other subject. The Saskatchewan proceedings are not reviewed, no doubt because they were not received in time to be included.

WISCONSIN

103rd Annual Communication at Milwaukee, June 10th and 11th, 1947. Grand Master W. E. Schubert. Lodges 305. Members 56,369. Gain 2,044. An organ recital preceded the opening ceremony. After the opening the United States Flag was presented and the pledge of allegiance given. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Indiana and Michigan. 16 Past Grand Masters attended and were welcomed by the Grand Master who expressed appreciation of their service and support. All the lodges except 11 were represented.

The Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers made in all 274 visits to the lodges during the year. The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington, the meeting of the Masonic Service Association, and also of the George Washington Memorial Association. He reported all the meetings of interest but was particularly impressed with the Conference of Grand Masters.

The Grand Master issued a number of dispensations to advance the time between degrees and to waive residential requirements. He is critical of the practice and stated that the masters of the lodges should discourage it.

As to physical qualifications the Grand Master called attention to the provision in the constitution as follows: "An applicant for the degrees must be a man free born, hale and un mutilated". He said that the statement is complete and should stand without qualifications of any kind.

The Grand Secretary reported that the membership had increased more than in the preceding year but stated that the prosperity should not be measured by numerical strength alone. Smaller lodges are holding their own and in most cases going forward.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Robert O. Jaspersen. In a foreword it is stated that the tidal wave of petitions is subsiding somewhat. Reference is made to physical qualifications and it is stated that in some quarters "there is still a demand for relaxing the rule". It is also said that Grand Masters are "mostly on the conservative side". The reviewer refers to conditions abroad as "very bad" but lodges are being restored. As to requisitions for recognition from Latin American countries, it is stated that "it is difficult to determine their fitness from a distance and there is always doubt as to the antecedents as well as present practices". The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1946 receive very kindly reference.

WYOMING

73rd Annual Communication at Casper, August 25th and 26th, 1947. Grand Master F. J. Meyers. Lodges 50. Members 10,082. Gain 530. All the officers attended and visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Maryland,

Nebraska, Montana, Kansas, South Dakota, Colorado, Ohio, and the District of Columbia. There were 20 Past Grand Masters present. They were assembled and extended a most cordial welcome by the Grand Master. 48 Lodges were represented.

In his address the Grand Master stated that the membership was now the largest in the history of the Grand Lodge and that the financial affairs were in excellent condition. In his travels throughout the State he found, everywhere, interest and activity. He paid tribute to the pioneers when the State was in the making and who had established Masonry on a firm foundation and helped to make it an instrument of progress in the development of the State.

Pursuant to the resolution of Grand Lodge in 1923, the Grand Master issued an order to each lodge to observe on or near the 4th of November, 1946, appropriate services in memory of George Washington. 35 lodges held services commemorating the event. 15 lodges failed to report, and the Grand Master was critical of the failure.

The Grand Master visited the Grand Lodges of Idaho, Illinois, Utah and Montana. He attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and reported that the conference was a worthwhile and valuable organization; that it was a privilege to meet the Grand Masters of the United States and Canada and to hear the excellent discussions on the problems which faced Masonry. He also attended the annual meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association and presented a cheque for \$655, making a total for the Grand Lodge of Wyoming of \$13,163. He reported the total contributions at the meeting amounted to \$155,000.

The Review of Correspondence is by R.W. Bro. Irving E. Clark, the Grand Secretary. 52 jurisdictions are reviewed, but Saskatchewan is not among them, no doubt because the proceedings did not arrive in time to be included.

THE YORK GRAND LODGE OF MEXICO

87th Annual Communication at Pachuca, April 3rd, 1947. Grand Master C. J. Barber. Lodges 11. Members 528. Loss 7. All the officers attended and 11 Past Grand Masters were present. The roll of Representatives of sister jurisdictions was called and 32 responded. They were welcomed by the Grand Master and asked to advise the jurisdiction represented by each of their attendance and of important matters in the proceedings. All constituent lodges were represented.

In his address the Grand Master stated that official visits were important because of the difficulty in the jurisdiction of keeping in touch with each other. He had hoped during the year to visit all the lodges but was not able to visit Washington Lodge No. 2. He reported some of the lodges busy with degree work but as nearly half the members live away from the locality of their lodges attendance is not what it should be. Many members are not in Mexico but are scattered in various parts of the world and still maintain their membership by payment of dues.

As to foreign relations the Grand Master stated that the renewal of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Texas had helped several lodges. He spoke of misinformation about the York Grand Lodge and stated that it did not claim jurisdiction over all of Mexico nor over all English-speaking lodges. He be served in applying for recognition to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. referred to an application made to the Grand Lodge of Maryland for recognition stating that there had been no reply; he also said that no useful purpose could The Inter-Visitation agreements with the Mexican Grand Lodges continue in force with beneficial results to both parties. The greatest obstacle is language as few of the members of the lodges speak Spanish and few Mexican Masons understand English. Notice was received from the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick confirming fraternal recognition and the exchange of representatives.

There is no published Review of Correspondence. The Grand Master for 1947-48 is M.W. Bro. A. J. Blank.

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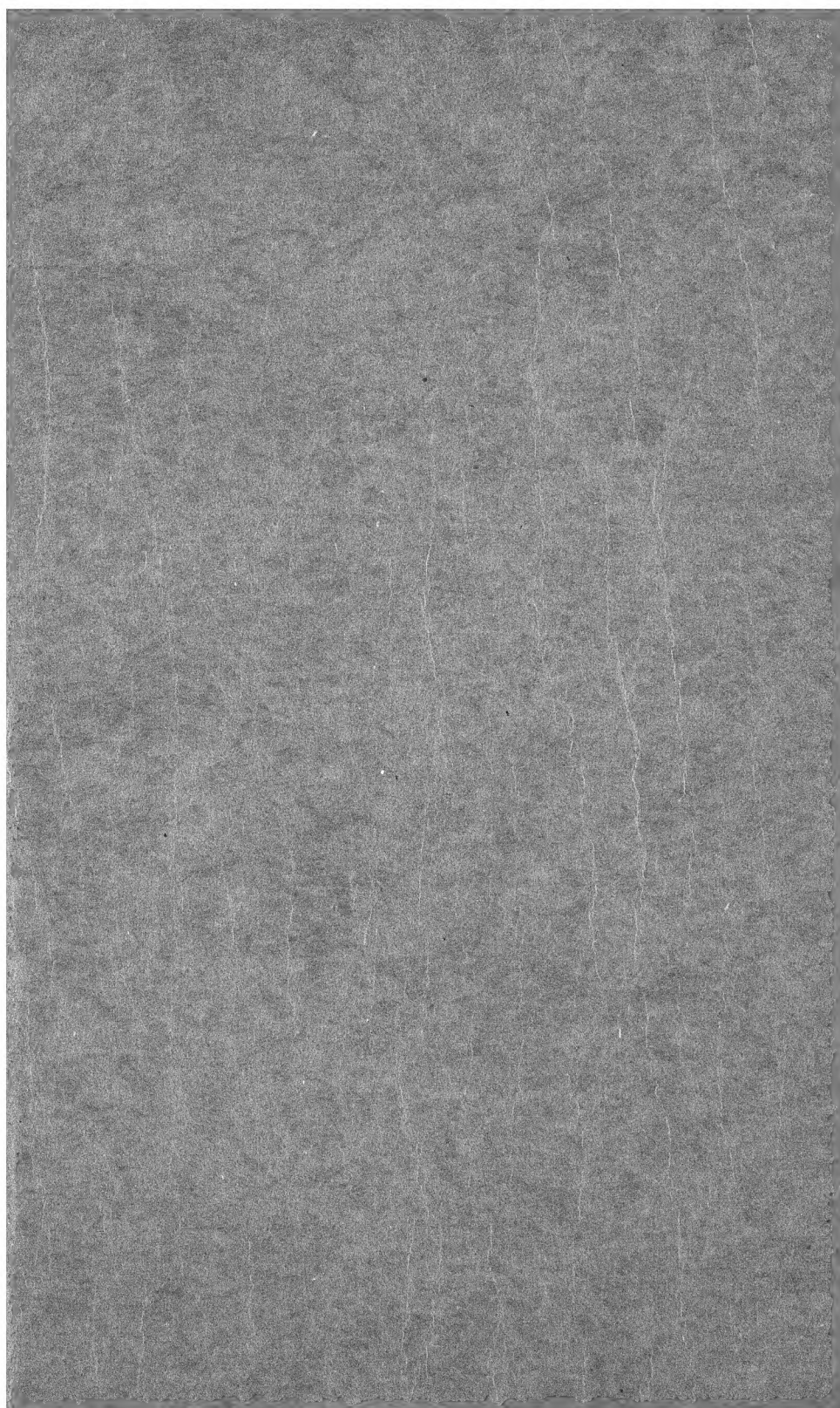
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M.W. Bro. W. J. Smith, Grand Treasurer.....	Regina
R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary.....	Regina
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